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El Salvador's President-elect Mauricio Funes takes the oath as he is sworn in as new president in San Salvador, Monday June 1, 2009. Funes is a member of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, FMLN, party.

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SPORTS NEWS

ONE MOYER WIN



A Philadelphia Phillies fan holds up a sign in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Sunday, May 31, 2009, in Philadelphia. Phillies' Jamie Moyer got his 250th career win against the Nationals.

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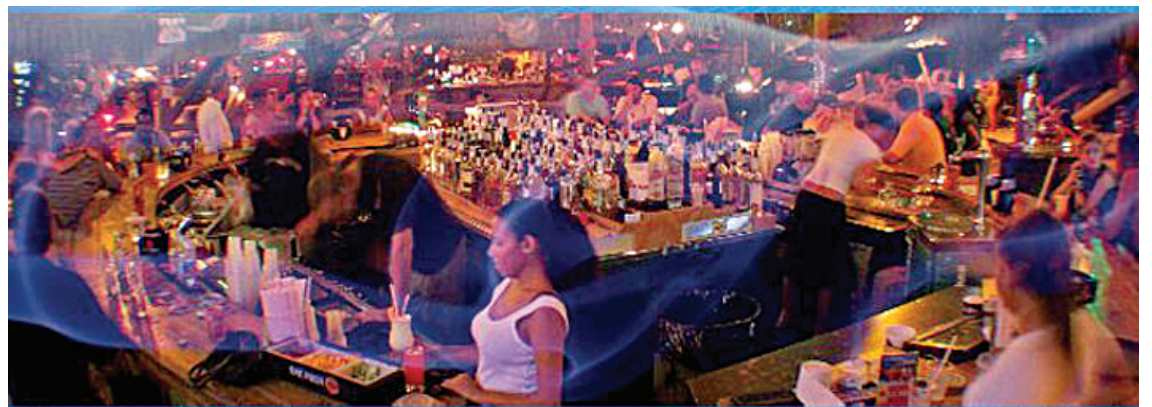
At MooMba Beach

AGA Summer Food Festival this Friday

PALM BEACH - For a relaxing and delicious evening under the stars, come to a sensational Summer Food Fest at MooMba Beach!

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Tasty signature selections will include grilled chicken & ribs, churrasco steak, keshi



yena, tapas and seafood. With a bar and live music, the AGA Summer Food Fest promises to be a perfect fun night out for both visitors and locals.

MooMba is the name of a

carnival that's held annually in Melbourne since 1955. One of its distinctive features is a procession of floats etc. through the streets of the city. The term is popularly regarded

as being an Aboriginal word meaning 'let's get together and have fun'.

MooMba is located on the beach inbetween the Marriott and Holiday Inn resorts. □

An Evening of Drama and Art at ISA



WAYACA - The evenings of May 19 and 20 saw the culmination of weeks of preparation for a handful of our "artistic" students at ISA. Six of Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" characters came alive on stage in the schools Multi Purpose Room with the presentation of excerpts of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown". Sebastian van der Sloot, Inez van der Scheer, Crystal Leito, Rajiv Daryanani, Oriana Mansur and Aksel Samardzic performed admirably as the lovable characters from Schultz's ageless comic strip. In addition, the high school Drama class of Adrian Cardoso Martinez, Verushka Alvarez, Beatrice Gobbi and Inez van der Scheer performed a pair of two-handers, wrapping up a year of theatre work focused upon character development and discovery.

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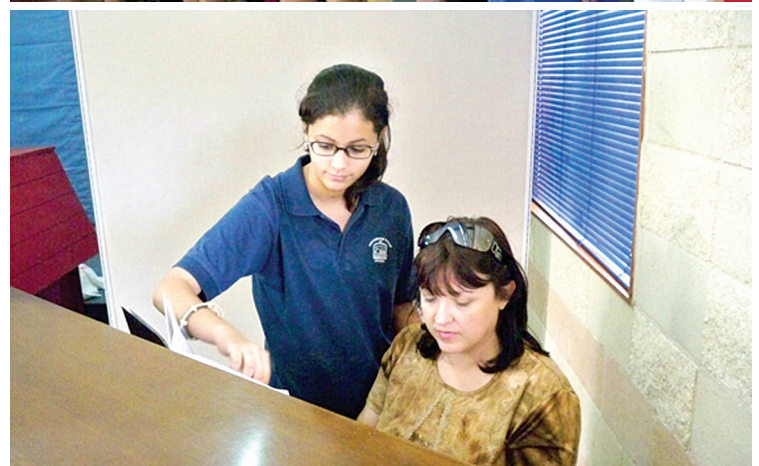
An Evening of Drama and Art at ISA



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Adorning the back of the performance space was artwork from Advanced Placement Studio Art students Alina Mansur and Beatrice

Gobbi. Congratulations to all for an excellent showing. The International School of Aruba is proud to sponsor these opportunities for its students. Developing the whole person

by motivating each student to achieve their academic and personal best is an important part of the schools mission. If you are interested in learning more about ISA, please visit the web site at www.isaruba.com or call the school for an appointment. □



At the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa

Beach BBQ in honor of the Philadelphia Eagles Cheerleaders



Palm Beach—The Cheerleaders of the Philadelphia Eagles enjoyed a farewell BBQ on the beach at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, having spent a week here shooting their fabulous annual calendar. They were joined by a number of hotel guests, hotel executives



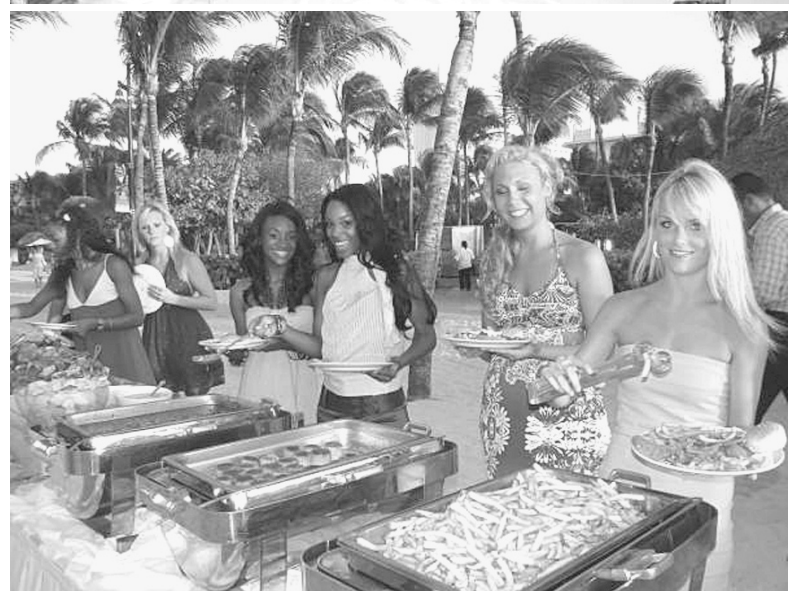
and their own cameraman, photographers, hairdressers, makeup artists, choreographers, and managers as they savored Chef Hector Espinosa's BBQ brisket among other traditional American favorites.

The squad of 38 female athletes, between the ages of 19 to 31, features real professionals when it comes to community and public appearances. And while they all hold regular jobs as students, teachers, nurses & models, they cherish their part-time athletic activities as Cheerleaders for the famous NFL team.

Their official website reports that the Eagles Cheerleaders perform for thousands of fans at Eagles games and travel internationally to visit military troops stationed overseas. They wear uniforms designed by the famed Vera Wang and are featured in national television shows and magazines including Maxim, FHM and Muscle and Fitness.

Sunday's farewell BBQ party unfolded from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and included special guests, the Travel Planner Radio Show hosts, Kevin & Sue McCarthy, out of St. Louis, USA.

They just broadcast live



from the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, last Saturday, and their show was listened to in the St. Louis metro area on three radio stations KZQZ, 1430AM-St. Louis, WBGZ, 1570AM-St. Louis and KMOX, NewsRadio

1120- St. Louis and nation-wide on Satellite radio through the Global American Broadcasting Satellite Network, for three hours of Aruba information and live interviews with key personalities. □



Smit & Dorlas professionals share coffee knowledge

Aruba Wine & Dine restaurants have coffee trainings



ORANJESTAD – During the last few weeks, several coffee trainings were held from Smit & Dorlas for Aruba Wine & Dine establishments. The trainings were held at Café the Plaza, Mambo Jambo, Hadicurari, Moomba Beach and Tango. The staff learned about the origin of the beans, some history and hands on training at the machine.

Dieter Nicolaas gave the trainings of Smit & Dorlas and explained how to clean the machine which is very important to maintain the quality of the coffee (cleaning of the filter and the pistons). Furthermore, he checked if the beans were grinded correctly. Which is important to and then he checked if there is a good (crème laagje) on the coffee. They also showed how



to make a nice Cappuccino and Café Latte. Every participant got a hand out with some information of the coffee to take home and study at home. □



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A double celebration for twins Cai and Derk Helder



PALM BEACH -- Twins Cai and Derk Helder, Mom Elly and Dad Roy enjoyed meeting and greeting over 35 guests including the maternal grandparents

who made the trip especially in honor of the occasion, from Holland, and joined the paternal grandparents on the island for a beautiful family celebration.

The twins had most fun with their friends enjoying the food and the companionship. Warm congratulations were also

extended on behalf of General Manager Hubert Solagnier and his dedicated staff, to the entire Helder family. □

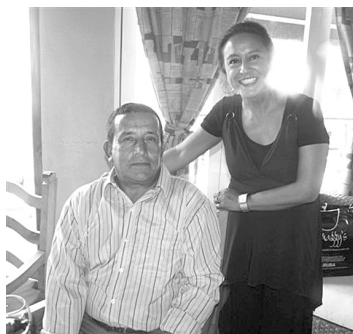


Julio Alejandro Acosta enjoys a lovely Holy Communion party



ORANJESTAD – Victor and Gloria Acosta shared a festive afternoon with their son Julio Alejandro on the occasion of his first Holy Communion party, at Casa Tua Barcelona restaurant, in Oranjestad on Sunday. Immediately after the church service family members and friends came together at the centrally-located and beautifully decorated restaurant and savored delicious lunch with a variety of tapas as appetizers, with Casa Tua's famous albondigas, mussels, tortilla chorizo and Spanish eggs, served just before the choice of Paella, Lasagna or Pollo Parmigiani as main courses over cocktails, wine and live Jazz.

Pictured here the Acosta family with proud grandparents and friends celebrating Julio Alejandro's receiving the Eucharist first. □



ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA (ABCA)

**BRIDGE RESULTS
THURSDAY,
28 MAY 2009**

On Thursday morning a total of 6 pairs attended the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50 % and higher are as follows:

- 1 Lorraine Wright / Katy Yarzagaray 62.29 %
- 2 Annette Ybeles / Joke Henriquez 61.59 %
- 3 Els Iacle / Cornelia Sloterdijk 58.54 %
- 4 Willy Flanegin / Addy Eilers 54.17 %
- 5 Iola Tjin / Ghislaine Mendes 50.72 %.

**BRIDGE RESULTS FRIDAY,
29 MAY 2009**

A total of 7 pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar on Friday evening.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Els Iacle / Fred Koopman 76.25 %
- 2 Cornelia and Ben Sloterdijk 61.25 %.

**WORLD WIDE BRIDGE
CONTEST 2009**

On Friday, June 5th 2009, the club will organise a heat for members and guest players. Fee will be Afl. 10.00 for members and US \$ 10.00 for guest players. The results of this tournament will not only be published locally but can also be found on the internet site of the World Bridge Federation, as the hands are being played by bridge players all over the world. So, do not miss this opportunity to be part of a unique event. For more information please give Addy a call (tel. 852-4953).

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers : tel. 582-4953

Court orders Curacao oil refinery to cut pollution

A court has ordered a Curacao refinery run by Venezuela's state-owned oil company to cut pollution or face heavy fines, a victory for activists who have complained for years about the thick haze of smoke that often blankets the capital in the Dutch Caribbean island. The verdict Thursday in a lawsuit brought by community groups requires the Isla Refinery to reduce its overall sulfur dioxide output by Jan. 1 or face a fine of about \$3 million.

Isla would face additional fines of about \$300,000 per day if it exceeds emission limits more than 18 times per year.

The refinery said in a statement Friday that it was studying the verdict and had not yet decided whether to appeal.

In the past, Petroleos de Venezuela SA had proposed an overhaul of the pollution control systems, but said it would not make the investment unless Curacao's government agreed to sell

its stake in the refinery.

Royal Dutch Shell built the refinery on the island, about 30 miles north of Venezuela, in 1918 but transferred ownership to the government of Curacao in 1985 after deciding it was no longer profitable. The Venezuelan company leases the refinery.

Isla refines about 200,000 barrels per day, mostly for export to other Caribbean islands and Central and South America. □



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At the Aruba Marriott Resort

Latin American Bible Institute celebrates graduates

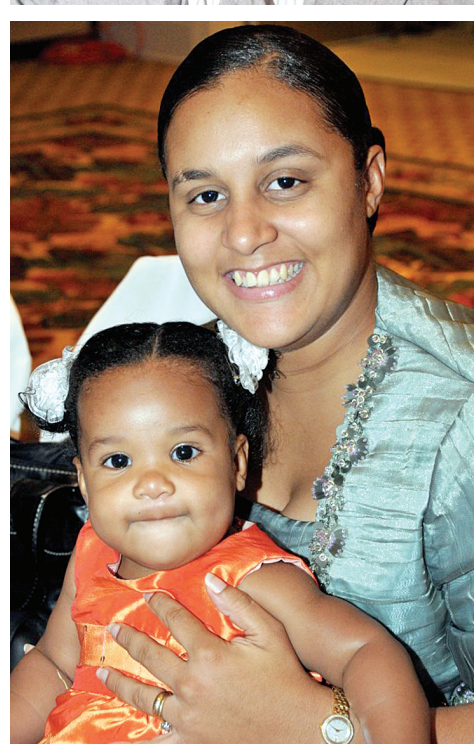
PALM BEACH - The Latin American Bible Institute celebrates the graduation of Pablo Miranda, Nuris Freitas, Eduardo Tromp and Irene Gutierrez who all received their Bachelors Degree after 3 years education in biblical, theological and ministerial disciplines. The Graduates will continue their education with 1 more year of studies to achieve Master's degrees. Today, reflecting the needs of a multicultural population, instruction is offered in both English and Spanish, thus providing a setting conducive to the development of an effective multicultural ministry. For almost eighty years the Institute's purpose has been focused on the preparation of men and women who feel a calling from God to enter into full-time ministry or other positions of lay ministry and service. Incorporated into the above is the urgency of educating a ministry that will serve the spiritual needs of a world steeped in humanism,

materialism, hedonism, and secularism. Such a challenge can only be met by a ministry empowered by the Holy Spirit, filled with compassion for a lost world, armed with the sword of the Spirit, consumed by a burning desire to preach the gospel, and full of the love of God.

The Institute's mission is to effectively prepare men and women spiritually, intellectually and

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The garden will feel like an oasis true to the projects name. There will also be a recreation room and sofas throughout the common area to lounge and relax. Further amenities include a 24/7 security, a full concierge and a rental program for the owners who want to earn a return on their investment. The concierge service will be helpful to assist the owners in making their 'homecoming' a very pleasant return. Each condo will have one designated parking space exclusive to the owners. Construction on Oasis at Eagle

Beach is moving fast. Fifteen of the thirty five units have already been sold. The condominiums will be ready for occupancy by March 2010. Oasis is located on Eagle Beach which allows for an easy access, even on foot, to the best casinos, restaurants, golf courses, shopping areas and night life the Aruba has to offer. The experienced sales team of Oasis invites you for a visit to learn about this new gem on the beach.

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Jessie & Kevin are "The Happy Island Newlyweds"

PALM BEACH – Jessie Blind & Kevin Brooks were married at the Aruba Marriott Resort on Palm Beach, Aruba on May 30, 2009.

Their special day was coordinated by Desiree Biker and the rest of the events team of the Marriott Resort. After the ceremony performed by Rev John Wardlaw, Jessie and Kevin enjoyed a cocktail reception on the beach as the sun set and then a fabulous dinner on the deck with their wedding party and guests.

~Photos by Julia Renfro



Caribbean Tourism Human Resources Told,

It Cannot Be Business As Usual In Tough Economic Times

Former Disney executive Mark David Jones presented executive workshop on "Breakthrough Results in Difficult Times" at HR conference in Curacao

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao – Tourism human resources professionals from across the Caribbean who ended a three day conference here have been told that they must create a world class chain of excellence through breakthrough leadership if they are to move ahead of the competition in tough economic times

The former Disney executive, Mark David Jones told the human resources professionals attending the 5th Annual Caribbean Tourism Human Resources Conference here, that this is what Disney and other Fortune 500 companies do to stay ahead.

Jones, A 26 year veteran of operations at the Walt Disney Company, shared "hands on experience" with the participants with a view to helping them develop and implement plans and policies to strengthen their organisations' competitive edge in the current global economic climate.

In presenting a workshop

themed, Breakthrough Results in Difficult Times: Proven Solutions from World-Class Companies, Jones stressed that in the current situation it cannot be business as usual.

"We cannot be passive and just expect people to show up like they've always done it because that's the way it's always been, because in times like these the way it's always been doesn't matter anymore," Jones, a highly demanded speaker, acclaimed author and business consultant, told the participants.

The former head of Disney's Customer Service and Leadership Initiatives suggested that, like world class companies do, Caribbean tourism entities should constantly seek new ways to exceed their customers' expectations if they are to survive.

"What these world class companies have found is, in addition to knowing about your customers, it's critical to understand them, to go beyond

just knowing about them," said Jones.

"When we are approaching the different situations like the difficult times we're in right now we can't be thinking normally...we have to flip our thinking or come from a different perspective to solve this problem."

Jones, who now heads the consulting firm, Small World Alliance, told the human resources professionals that in order to exceed customers' expectations,

leadership excellence is paramount. This, he said will lead to high performing staff who, in turn, will provide legendary service. The business consultant also advised the participants to get to know visitors' wants in addition to their needs; understand the stereotypes that set the visitors expectations; deal with the customer's emotions appropriately; and set a clear vision to ensure everyone is moving in the same

direction. "Make it easy to do business with you," Jones advised.

Over 75 human resources professionals from 19 Caribbean countries attended the three day conference which focused on Best Practices for Creating a Motivated and Productive Tourism Workforce.

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BUSINESS

Aruba TODAY

General Motors files for bankruptcy protection



General Motors CEO Fritz Henderson speaks at a press conference in New York, Monday, June 1, 2009. General Motors filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday as part of the Obama administration's plan to shrink the automaker to a sustainable size and give a majority ownership stake to the federal government.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

By DAN STRUMPF and KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON, AP Auto Writers

NEW YORK – General Motors filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday as part of the Obama administration's plan to shrink the automaker to a sustainable size and give a majority ownership stake to the federal government.

GM's bankruptcy filing is the fourth-largest in U.S. history and the largest for an industrial company. The company said it has \$172.81 billion in debt and \$82.29 billion in assets.

"The General Motors board of directors authorized the filing of a Chapter 11 case with regret that this path proved necessary despite the best efforts of so many," GM Chairman Kent Kresa said in a written statement. "Today marks a new beginning for General Motors. ... The board is confident that this New GM can operate successfully in the intensely competitive U.S. market and around the world." As it reorganizes, the fallen icon of American industry will rely on \$30 billion of additional financial assistance from the Treasury Department and \$9.5 billion from Canada. That's on top of about \$20 billion in taxpayer money GM already has received in the form of low-interest loans.

Late Monday, U.S. bankruptcy court judge Robert Gerber gave interim approval for the Detroit-based automaker's use of a total

of \$33.3 billion in bankruptcy financing, with \$15 billion available for use over the next three weeks. He will rule on final approval of the financing on June 25. Gerber also approved GM's sale procedures, setting a sale approval hearing for June 30.

"Our agreement with the U.S. Treasury and the governments of Canada and Ontario will create a leaner, quicker more customer and completely product-focused company, one that's more cost competitive and has a competitive balance sheet," CEO Fritz Henderson said at a news conference in New York.

"This new GM will be built from the strongest parts of our business, including our best brands and products."

The Detroit automaker said warranty coverage, service and customer support will continue uninterrupted, plants will continue to make cars and trucks, and essential suppliers and GM's 235,000 employees worldwide will continue to be paid. GMAC Financial Services said in a statement that it will continue to provide automotive financing to GM and Chrysler dealers and customers, and the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. said workers' pension plans remain safe.

GM will follow a similar course taken by smaller rival Chrysler LLC, which filed for Chapter 11 protection April 30. A judge on

Sunday gave Chrysler approval to sell most of its assets to Italy's Fiat, moving the U.S. automaker closer to a quick exit from court protection, possibly this week.

The plan is for the federal government to take a 60 percent ownership stake in the new GM. The Canadian government would take 12.5 percent, with the United Auto Workers getting a 17.5 percent share and unsecured bondholders receiving 10 percent. Existing GM shareholders are expected to be wiped out.

GM shares fell as low as 27 cents in Monday morning trading, their lowest price in the company's 100-year history, but rebounded to rise 10 cents from Friday's close to 85 cents in afternoon trading. On June 8, Cisco Systems Inc. will replace GM in the Dow Jones industrial average, which excludes companies that have filed for bankruptcy. Standard & Poor's also will remove GM from its S&P 500 index Tuesday, with secondary education provider DeVry Inc. taking the automaker's place.

The government's partial stake in GM comes on top of a far smaller ownership of Chrysler, as well as significant federal equity in banks, the AIG insurance giant and two mortgage industry titans — all victims of an economic crisis unrivaled since the Great Depression.

But the president said the actions were part of a "viable, achievable plan that will give this iconic company a chance to rise again."

The president said the government would refrain from playing a management role in all but the most critical areas.

"Our goal is to help GM get back on its feet ... and get out quickly," he said.

Henderson declined to offer a firm timeline for how long it would take the government to sell its stake in GM, but he indicated it could take some time.

"These are a substantial block of shares," Henderson said. "This is a question of years, not months."

GM said it expects the bankruptcy court process to last 60 to 90 days. If successful, GM will emerge as a leaner company with a smaller work force, fewer plants and a trimmed dealership network.

"We're confident that we will move fast," Henderson said. "Not with a sense of urgency. We're talking about pure unadulterated speed."

GM said Monday that it will permanently close nine more plants and idle three others.

The Pontiac, Mich., and Wilmington, Del., assembly plants will close this year, while plants in Spring Hill, Tenn., and Orion, Mich., will shut down production but remain on standby. One of the idled plants, or GM's Janesville, Wis., plant that closed in April, will be retooled to build a small car that GM had originally planned to build in China.

Seven powertrain and parts stamping plants will be closed starting in June 2010, while an additional stamping plant will be idled but remain in a standby capacity.

GM will move forward with four core brands — Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC — and cut four others. The company plans to cut 21,000 employees, about 34 percent of its work force, and reduce its 6,100 dealers by 2,600. GM said it was finalizing a deal to sell Hummer, and plans for Saturn are expected to be announced within weeks.

The third of the one-time Big Three, Ford Motor Co., has also been stung hard by plunging sales of cars and trucks, but it avoided bankruptcy by mortgaging all of its assets in 2006 to borrow roughly \$25 billion, giving it a financial cushion GM and Chrysler lacked.

Ford issued a statement Monday saying it "remains absolutely committed to continuing to make progress on our transformation plan without accessing emergency taxpayer assistance from the U.S. government."

The bankruptcy filing represents a dramatic downfall for GM, which was founded in 1908

by William C. Durant, who brought several car companies under one roof and developed a strategy of "a car for every purse and purpose." Longtime leader Alfred P. Sloan built the global automaker into a corporate icon.

GM first sought help from the Bush administration and Congress last year as it was in the midst of being staggered by \$30.9 billion in losses and seeing its cash resources shrink by more than \$19 billion.

Consumers, worried about the economy and the future of GM, shied away from the company's cars and trucks this year even after President George W. Bush promised loans and Obama followed through with billions more in assistance — plus a stiff set of new requirements GM was ordered to meet.

When GM failed to do so by a March 31 deadline, Obama forced out CEO Rick Wagoner and replaced him with Henderson.

Wagoner served at the helm since 2000 and was the face of GM when he first flew on a company jet to ask Congress for aid. After a firestorm of negative publicity, Wagoner rode in a hybrid Chevrolet Malibu from Detroit to Washington for a second set of withering questions before lawmakers.

But that amounted to only a sideshow as the automaker's financial position worsened. Its revenues plunged almost 50 percent in the quarter ended March 30 and it racked up another \$6 billion in losses.

The Henderson-led GM faced a government-imposed June 1 deadline to restructure, slash costs and modify contracts with its union and dealers. But meeting most of those demands, plus a late agreement by many bondholders to swap the \$27 billion in debt they are owed for shares in a new GM, were not enough to prevent the court filing.

Some bondholders might still fight GM's reorganization plan, but the company and Treasury hope the 54 percent who supported the debt-for-equity offer will convince the judge that its a fair deal. □

Stocks rally after positive economic data

By MADLEN READ,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market began June with a big rally, thanks to another wave of encouraging economic data.

But some investors are nervous that the month, traditionally a weak one for stocks, may not end as well. The market's gains on Monday came despite signs that the economy might have a tough slog ahead of it, including rising interest rates and the nation's fourth-largest bankruptcy ever.

Traders homed in Monday on better-than-expected readings on manufacturing, consumer spending and construction spending. The Dow Jones industrial average and other major indexes rose more than 2 percent, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite rose to their highest levels this year.

But while the data suggested the economy's decline is moderating, a trend that has heartened investors this spring, the numbers did not indicate a rebound yet. Construction spending rose in April, but personal spending was down slightly. Personal incomes were flat and U.S. manufacturing

activity contracted for the 16th straight month in May, although at a slower pace.

Monday also brought General Motors Corp.'s bankruptcy filing, the fourth-largest in U.S. history. The filing didn't come as a shock, but it did serve as a reminder of the government's heavy involvement in corporate America following the takeovers of American International Group Inc. and the mortgage giants Freddie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Separately, a trend that ruffled investors last week — falling Treasury prices and surging yields — resumed Monday as economic data topped estimates and drove the dollar lower. Unlike last week, the stock market shrugged off the rise in long-term borrowing rates, which some fear could hamper a recovery by driving up interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

With stocks' spring rally now nearly three months old, a number of analysts think the market has come too far, too fast since hitting 12-year lows in early March. The S&P 500 had its quickest recovery since the 1930s.

"I can't really buy into today's super-happy stock market,"

said Kim Caughey, equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group. She said she was skeptical because even if the economy is stabilizing, there is little to drive demand once it bottoms.

Analysts pointed out that technical factors also pushed stocks higher on Monday. The first trading day of the month often brings with it a surge of new money from mutual funds, and the S&P and Dow both broke through their 200-day moving averages for the first time in well over a year. Moving averages are closely watched technical barometers for the market, and some traders will automatically buy or sell if those levels are breached.

The Dow rose 221.11, or 2.6 percent, to 8,721.44, its highest close since early January. The index is now down only 55 points, or 0.6 percent, for the year.

Dow Jones & Co. announced Monday it is dropping GM as a component after the automaker filed for bankruptcy, as well as Citigroup Inc., in which the government now owns a significant stake. GM and Citi will be replaced with Travelers Cos. and Cisco Systems Inc.



GM President and CEO Frederick Henderson appears on a television screen on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, June 1, 2009.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

next week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 23.73, or 2.6 percent, to 942.87, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 54.35, or 3.1 percent, to 1,828.68.

This year's stock market has had an eerily similar pattern to last year's, noted Shaeffer's Investment Research analyst Todd Salamone, falling until mid-March and then gaining through May. Then in June of last year, the market started to sink. Salamone pointed out that the average return for the month of June during the past 20 years is negative 0.5 percent.

Standard & Poor's chief economist David Wyss said he expects the U.S. economy to bottom out late this summer or early in the fall, and then experience only a "rather sluggish" recovery. Wyss predicted U.S. gross domestic product — all of the goods and services produced in a country — to drop 3.1 percent this year, with even sharper declines in European economies and Japan.

Another hurdle that's approaching later this summer: Second-quarter corporate earnings results. If those come in worse than investors anticipated, Caughey said, "we'll have a reason to hate the market again."

So while the stock market's technical achievements Monday helped bring about gains, they are also raising questions about the staying power of those gains.

Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank, noted that returns are much better when the stock market

is trading above its 200-day moving average, but that the statistic itself can send "a number of false signals."

Also, trading on the first day of the month is generally much stronger than normal. The S&P 500 index was down about 34 percent in the 10 years leading up to May 1. But according to S&P data, if someone invested in the index only on the first day of the month over that time frame, he or she would have gained 21 percent.

Government bonds fell again Monday, driving yields back near last week's highs. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, used as a benchmark for home mortgages and other consumer loans, rose to 3.68 percent from 3.46 percent late Friday.

The dollar weakened further Monday against the euro and the British pound. Gold slipped, but oil jumped.

Advancing stocks outnumbered decliners by about 5 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 6.19 billion shares, up from 5.84 billion shares on Friday. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 19.75, or 3.9 percent, to 521.33.

Manufacturing surveys out of Europe and Asia topped estimates, which drove up markets overseas. Japan's Nikkei stock average jumped 1.6 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index soared 4.0 percent. In Europe, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 2 percent, Germany's DAX index rose 4.1 percent and France's CAC-40 gained 3.1 percent. □

Oil soars above 68 dollars to seven-month high

NEW YORK (AFP) — Crude oil prices soared Monday above 68 dollars a barrel for the first time in seven months, boosted by higher Chinese output, a weak US currency and rising equity markets, traders said.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for July delivery, shot up to 68.68 dollars on the back of a Wall Street stock surge before ending at 68.58 dollars, up by 2.27 dollars from Friday's close.

The price levels were last reached at the end of October.

London Brent North Sea crude for delivery in July bounced as high as 68.03 dollars a barrel before ending at 67.97 dollars, up 2.45 dollars from Friday.

Prices climbed largely due to the weak dollar, said Antoine Halff of Newedge Group.

"The increase is not unique to the oil sector, it affects all raw materials.

The investment funds in particular are investing in commodities as a protection against the dollar or to manage the fears of inflation," he said.

A weak US currency makes dollar-priced oil cheaper for holders of stronger currencies and, in turn, tends to stimulate demand and push prices higher.

The euro jumped above 1.42 dollars for the first time this year, as rebounding global stock markets persuaded investors to switch away from the safe-haven US currency, dealers said. BetOnMarkets analyst Dave Evans said the price increases also stemmed from news that the manufacturing sector in China expanded for a third month.

"China, the world's second-biggest energy consumer, has been showing signs of a recovery over the last two months. There is a very strong chance of oil prices testing the 70-dollar level," he said.

China's manufacturing activity expansion in May, based on data released Monday, gave added hopes for a global economic recovery.

The official Purchasing Managers' Index, or PMI, for the manufacturing sector pulled back slightly to 53.1 in May, down from 53.5 in April, the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing said in a statement on its website. A reading above 50 means the sector is expanding, while a reading below 50 indicates an overall decline.

Meanwhile, the Saudi cabinet affirmed Monday that the world's biggest oil exporter sees 75 to 80 dollars a barrel as a "fair" price for crude, information minister Abdulaziz Khoja said. □



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The 'New GM': Layoffs, Factory Closings, Offshoring

John Nichols

The Nation -- The trouble with the whole "Nixon goes to China" theory -- which is grounded in the calculus that big progress is made when a politician goes against type to address a seemingly intractable challenge -- is that sometimes the "bold" gesture is really just more of the same.

This is an important reality to recognize as the major media in the United States begins to play up the reshaping of General Motors by the Obama administration's auto-industry task force as a courageous or groundbreaking "new" initiative to "save" domestic automaking.

It's not.

The GM bankruptcy and bailout is the continuation of post-industrial policies of the Clinton and Bush years. Those policies, which encouraged companies to shutter factories in the US and move operations to foreign countries with lower wages and weaker regulations, were defined by Wall Street rather than Main Street. The model of a "healthy" American company was defined by stock and bond speculators, who rewarded short-term thinking and brutal cost-cutting, even if these strategies resulted in the loss of millions of jobs, the closing of hundreds of functional factories and the deindustrialization of communities, regions and whole states that had once been among the most productive in the world.

Nothing about the old way of doing business made sense, and it made a wreck of GM. After decades of closing factories, laying off workers and shifting production overseas, the company now finds itself with \$172.8 billion in debt.

It would make sense to change course, radically.

But the Obama administration is not doing anything radical.

Rather, it wants to create a "New GM" that stays the course of the old GM.

If all goes according to plan, the "New GM" will close down as many as 20 factories in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Delaware. Additional plants in Tennessee and Michigan will be put on "standby," for probable closing. At least 21,000 family-supporting jobs will be lost, as the corporation shifts production to new facilities in China and other foreign countries. Those cuts come on the heels of GM factory closings last year that cost tens of thousands of jobs and shattered communities across the Great Lakes states just as the downturn was developing into a deep recession.

This massive de-industrialization plan -- with its rapid offshoring of work once done in the United States -- will be paid for by the federal government.

It will cost US taxpayers a great deal to eliminate this many US jobs -- Washington has already handed GM \$20 billion and is expected to shift another \$30 billion into the coffers

of the corporation. "Whether that investment will ever be recovered is still an open question," suggests the New York Times report.

So what should taxpayers make of a scheme to risk \$50 billion on a project to layoff US workers, close US factories and shift work overseas in order to satisfy speculators who continue to reward only race-to-the-bottom strategies?

The Times suggests that we ought to be impressed with the "Nixon-goes-to-China" courage being displayed by the president and his auto-industry task force. "The company will also have to shed 21,000 union workers and close 12 to 20 factories, steps that most analysts thought could never be pushed through by a Democratic president allied with organized labor," the paper chirps on its front page.

Spare us.

It takes very little courage for a Democratic president to side with multinational corporations, in the same way that his Democratic and Republican predecessors have.

Courage involves breaking pattern and doing something bold, like recognizing that the United States needs a manufacturing sector and making a commitment to modernizing basic industries and keeping skilled workers on the job. This is not a rejection of globalization; rather, it is an embrace of the future that says the US chooses to compete rather than give up. □

Short Seller Goes Long the Future

Dan Dorfman

When we're young, we build castles in the sand. And when we grow up, some of us build empires.

Robert Wilson, a retired 82-year-old investment legend, never did get around to building an empire. But he managed to dazzle Wall Street with a remarkable achievement. Namely, he parlayed \$15,000 that his parents gave him in the 1940s into an astonishing \$800 million net worth.

During the 1970s, an essentially flat period for the market, Wilson, a renowned short seller (a bettor that stock prices will go down, not up), wowed Wall Street with his money-making prowess by racking up a snazzy 30% annual gain. Now he's wowing the philanthropic world with what he's doing with his money. Very few rich folks give away the bulk of their wealth when they're still alive. Not only that, many wealthy individuals, given their hefty stock market losses, have dramatically cut back on their charitable contributions. Not so Wilson, who also has incurred large market losses.

Over the last 10 years he has given away about \$500 million to various charities and he figures he has at least another \$100 million to go.

His intent, he explains, is to encourage other people to follow his lead since charities constantly need money "and I'm not going to live forever."

His charitable interest largely centers on conservation -- that is, conservation of buildings, land, oceans, endangered animals and the air we breathe. Likewise, environmental protection is another of his favorites.

Among his principal beneficiaries have been the Public Library, which Wilson describes as a conservator of books; Environmental Defense, one of whose concerns is global warming; the World Monuments Fund, which is in the business of preserving beautiful buildings around the world, and the Nature Conservancy, which acquires land to prevent it from being developed and thus enable wild life and vegetation to be preserved.

One of his current pet charitable efforts involves initiatives to preserve Roman Catholic schools, notably those catering to kindergarten through the eighth grade, which are closing left and right, by encouraging their alumni to take a more active role in prolonging their lifespan.

In a sense, observes one of his Wall Street buddies Wilson is using his money to bet on the country's future. "He's not hoarding paintings or collecting antique cars, but he's using his money to create a better America. It's philanthropy at its best." What's ahead for investors in these troubled times? Nothing to cheer about, according to Wilson. □

Obama's Organizing Chief: Supporters Push Sotomayor, Health Care

The Nation -- Speaking to a liberal summit in Washington today, Organizing for America director Mitch Stewart outlined how the DNC is tapping Obama's campaign network to advance the administration's agenda.

The presidential campaign is history, of course, but about 14 million Obama supporters still receive emails from Stewart, David Plouffe and Obama himself. That communication and organizing guidance helps supporters act as "message machines" for Obama's agenda, Stewart said, from telling "friends about why health care reform is so urgently needed" to demonstrating a united front for Judge Sotomayor's nomination.

Stewart also distinguished between "on the clock" outreach, like canvassing for signatures backing the administration's budget, and "off the clock" persuasion, when people can casually advocate policies while "hanging out" with friends. OFA has now deployed organizers to 30 states, Stewart announced, with the goal of eventually covering every state.

Stewart spoke on a panel about "Progressives in the Age of Obama" at the I've raised before -- and Stewart said OFA's role was to advance "broad principles" and broadcast regular people's stories, while deferring to Congress on policy details. □

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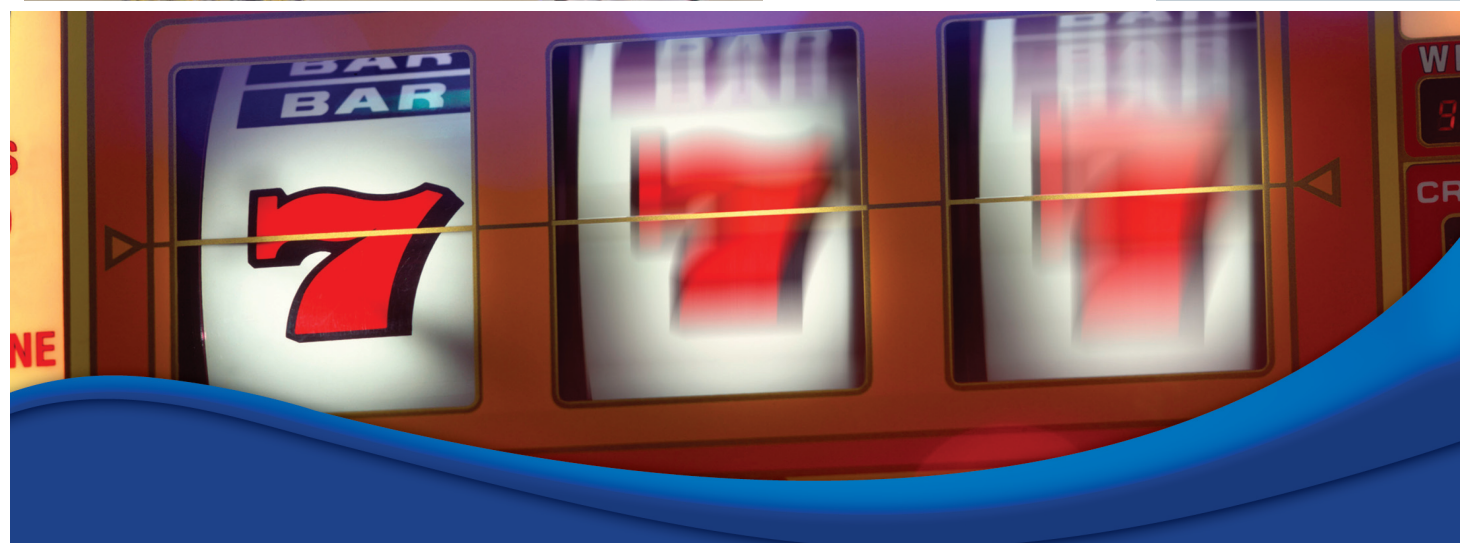
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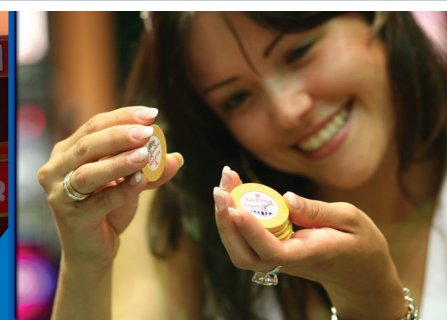
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unparalleled appetizers and extraordinary desserts, which helped the Sunset Grille achieve the Triple AAA's elite four-diamond status – a rare feat for steakhouses. Sunset Grille well-known as the number one steakhouse in Aruba offers also spa cuisine, for the health conscious visitors, featuring appetizers, salads and a wide array of seafood selections. The spa cuisine dishes are balanced by enhancing flavors with citrus, spice and

herbs and taste is elevated by marinating, smoking and grilling, Smeets explains. "We now use many more herbs, vegetables, grains and fibers," adds Boland, "all designed to sustain a healthier life style; and we stay away from saturated fats and refined sugars, as well as use salt sparingly," he informs. "The Sunset Grille kitchen," Boland reveals, "uses no trans fats, and our guests," he banter, "stay healthy, wealthy and wise with our new and exciting spa cuisine." Among the patrons favorite dishes are, the Sunset Grille's famous Chop House Martini Salad, "Shaken not Stirred;" the lobster bisque with a pastry crust, the various cuts of prime beef, the popular Rack of Lamb, Stuffed Quail and the delicious Veal Oscar. The spa cuisine features items such as Tuna Tataki, the Spinach Salad, Chilean Seabass, grilled Swordfish and the Asian style Salmon and Scallops served with the



popular Soba Noodles. The Sunset Grille always endeavors to exceed guests' expectations by purchasing the very best products available and preparing them in accordance with a combination of "tried and true" as well as cutting edge contemporary methods, Boland explains. Simply put, the Sunset Grille culinary team buys the best products, and cooks them the best way they know, refusing to cut corners, especially when it comes to buying, aging and



cutting meat. No wonder the readers of Caribbean Travel & Life named it the top restaurant in the Caribbean. □

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On Top Of The News

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Tuesday, June 2, 2009



A man, looking for information on the Airfrance flight 447 that was reported missing on its way between Rio de Janeiro and Paris, is escorted by airport employees to a private room at Tom Jobim airport in Rio de Janeiro, Monday, June 01, 2009. The jet carrying 228 people, lost contact with air traffic controllers after running into lightning and strong thunderstorms over the Atlantic Ocean, officials said Monday. Brazil began a search mission off its northeastern coast.

Associated Press

Vast search of Atlantic Ocean for Air France jet

BRADLEY BROOKS

Associated Press Writers

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — An Air France jet with 228 people on a flight to Paris vanished over the Atlantic Ocean after flying into towering thunderstorms and sending an automated message that the electrical system had failed. A vast search began Monday, but all aboard were feared killed.

Military aircraft scrambled out to the center of the Atlantic, far from the coasts of Brazil and West Africa, and France sought U.S. satellite help to find the wreckage. The first military ship wasn't expected to reach the area where the plane disappeared until Wednesday.

If there are no survivors, it would be the world's worst aviation disaster since 2001.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said the cause remains unclear and that "no hypothesis" is being excluded. Some experts dismissed speculation that lightning might have brought the plane down. But violent thunderheads reaching more than 50,000 feet (15,240 meters) high can pound planes with hail and high winds, causing structural damage if pilots can't maneuver around them.

Sarkozy said he told family members of passengers on Air France Flight 447 that prospects of finding survivors are "very

small."

Brazil's president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, expressed hope that "the worst hasn't happened," and said "we have to ask God" to help find survivors.

The 4-year-old Airbus A330 left Rio Sunday night with 216 passengers and 12 crew members on board, said company spokeswoman Brigitte Barrand. Most of the passengers were Brazilian and French, but 32 nations in all were represented, including two Americans.

The plane was cruising normally at 35,000 feet (10,670 meters) and 522 mph (840 kph) just before it disappeared nearly four hours into the flight. No trouble was reported as the plane left radar contact, beyond Brazil's Fernando de Noronha archipelago, at 10:48 local time.

But just north of the equator, a line of towering thunderstorms loomed. Bands of extremely turbulent weather stretched across the Atlantic toward Africa, as they often do in the area this time of year.

The plane "crossed through a thunderous zone with strong turbulence," Air France said. About 14 minutes later, at 11:14 p.m. local time, 0214 GMT (10:14 p.m. EDT Sunday), an automatic message was sent reporting electrical system failure and a loss of cabin pressure.

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Lawyer: U.S. man gets custody of son taken to Brazil

BILL NEWILL

Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, New Jersey (AP) — A federal court in Brazil has ruled that a New Jersey father should get custody of his 8-year-old son, whose mother took him to the South American nation after their divorce and died there, the man's lawyer said Monday.

Attorney Patricia Apy, who represents David Goldman, said she was notified of the decision Monday afternoon. The ruling calls for the boy to be turned over to his father on Wednesday, Apy said.

The boy's Brazilian mother took him to Brazil in 2004. She remarried and never returned to the United States. She died last year of complications from the birth of another child.

Eight-year-old Sean Goldman was being raised by his stepfather.

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In this Sunday, May 31, 2009 picture, Scott Roeder, left, detained by police after late-term abortion provider Dr. George Tiller was shot to death in a Wichita, Kan. church, is transported in a Ford Taurus from the Fred Allenbrand Justice complex in New Century, Kan.

Associated Press

Suspect jailed in Kansas abortion doctor's killing

ROXANA HEGEMAN

Associated Press Writer

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — A man suspected of shooting to death a well known provider of late-term abortions harbored a burning, "eye-for-an-eye" anger toward abortion doctors.

He once subscribed to a magazine suggesting "justifiable homicide" against them, and apparently likened Dr. George Tiller to the Nazi death-camp doctor Josef Mengele.

Tiller, 67, was serving as an usher during morning services Sunday when he was shot in the foyer of Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, police said. The gunman fired one shot at Tiller and threatened two other people who tried to stop him.

The suspect, identified by one law enforcement agency as Scott Roeder, 51, was taken into custody some 170 miles away in a Kansas City suburb about three hours after the shooting.

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Cheney again defends Bush Guantanamo policies



Former Vice President Dick Cheney attends the Gerald R. Ford Foundation Journalism Awards luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, Monday, June 1, 2009.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — that way.”

Former Vice President Dick Cheney said Monday that the only alternative the Bush administration had to creating the Guantanamo Bay naval prison was to kill the terror suspects who are incarcerated there, and “we don’t operate

The 240 prisoners left at Guantanamo, he said, are “the worst of the worst”—including alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed — who would gladly become suicide bombers to kill more Americans.

“If you don’t have a place where you can hold these people, the only other option is to kill them, and we don’t operate that way,” he said.

Cheney said the Bush administration had not set up the jail at Guantanamo, captured terrorists would have been brought to the United States where they would have received full legal rights.

He did not address why the prisoners could not have been held at U.S. military jails in war zones like Afghanistan and Iraq, where some newly captured prisoners are now incarcerated.

Former President George W. Bush’s vice president has been a leading critic of President Barack Obama’s order to close down the jail at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an enclave of that communist-run island operated by the Navy since 1903.

The jail became widely known only in the past six years, after the United States

began sending terror suspects, mostly captured in battle in Iraq or Afghanistan.

In his appearance Monday at the National Press Club, Cheney reiterated his challenge to Obama to release several pages of secret memos that Cheney insists would prove that harsh interrogations employed at the base were effective in eliciting vital information.

His initial request to release the memos was turned down last month because the documents are the subject of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit and might be ordered released by a court.

Cheney noted that Obama superseded another lawsuit in April to release memos describing the CIA’s harsh interrogation program, which Cheney said amounted to “giving away the store.”

The former vice president also defended the Bush administration’s decision to invade Iraq in 2003, despite

faulty intelligence about its nuclear weapons program and links to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. He asserted that U.S.-deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, later executed by an Iraqi court, could have helped terrorists acquire nuclear weapons.

The U.S. government could find no evidence of an active Iraq nuclear weapons program after the 2003 invasion nor of an active relationship between Saddam’s Iraq and the al-Qaida network.

More than 4,300 U.S. service members have died in Iraq, and more than 30,000 have been wounded. Tens of thousands of Iraqis have been killed in the war that has cost the United States about \$675 billion so far, according to the National Priorities Project.

Cheney is writing a memoir about his years in government, which he said will highlight the successes of the policies set in place after the Sept. 11 attacks. □

AP source: Tentative deal struck for funding war

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Top House and Senate Democrats reached a tentative agreement on an almost \$100 billion war funding bill Monday, including a generous new line of credit for the International Monetary Fund.

At the core of the measure is President Barack Obama’s war funding request, which included \$76 billion for Pentagon operations. But the IMF funding is a top priority of Obama, who pledged the \$100 billion line of credit at April’s G-20 summit in London to help developing countries deal with the troubled global economy.

The actual U.S. costs for the IMF contribution are far less — \$5 billion is the Congressional Budget Office estimate — since the U.S. government is given interest-bearing assets in return.

Other details of the agreement between House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, D-Wis., and his Senate counterpart, Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, remain sketchy. The agreement was discussed briefly during a conference call of House Democratic leaders,

a senior House Democratic aide said. The aide requested anonymity because the details were not yet released.

Some \$80 million sought by Obama to close the U.S. naval prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, remains out of the legislation. The Senate voted 90-6 last month to kill the money and the House never included it.

The House and Senate passed different versions of the bill last month.

The official IMF request came too late for the House to act on it, but Obey said he opposed the money anyway despite a long history of supporting prior U.S. infusions to the fund. He said western European countries such as Germany should enact economic stimulus measures.

The IMF funding is sure to whip up opposition from conservative House Republicans and introduces at least some doubt about the final vote in the House since about 50 liberal Democrats oppose the war funding measure.

“Controversial, non-defense related issues — such as billions in IMF funding — should not be part of the final conference report,” said Rep.

Jerry Lewis of California, top Republican on the House Appropriations Committee.

The measure is expected to include eight huge C-17 cargo jets sought by the Boeing Co. and its allies on Capitol Hill such as Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash.

The planes are on a list of program eliminations announced by Obama last month, but the C-17 program has tons of support on Capitol Hill, and the challenge to Obama was long expected.

Mississippi Republican Sen. Thad Cochran emerged as a big winner since the measure will include up to \$489 million sought by him and homestate GOP colleague Roger Wicker to restore barrier islands along the Mississippi Gulf Coast destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and restore ecosystems such as salt marshes to protect the coast.

The funding for that and other pet projects came despite an admonition by Obama to keep the measure free of such parochial items commonly called “earmarks.” □



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US judge: Guantanamo documents must be public

NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge ordered the United States on Monday to publicly reveal unclassified versions of its allegations and evidence justifying the continued imprisonment of more than 100 detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay.

The Justice Department had been filing unclassified versions of its legal documents under seal, so that they could only be seen by judges, attorneys and government officials. Attorneys for the detainees were able to share the documents with their clients and witnesses who would agree to rules restricting the information's disclosure.

Department officials said the practice was necessary to protect national security after they discovered that some unclassified records mistakenly contained some classified information. The department had said the documents were only sealed temporarily while they could be more carefully reviewed for classified information.

Attorneys for the detainees said the secrecy made it harder for them to prepare for upcoming hearings and that some witnesses would not agree to the court's secrecy rules. The Associated Press, The New York Times and USA Today had joined the fight, arguing that the government was keeping valuable information from the public that has a right to monitor the legal process.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan sided with the detainees' attorneys and the media, saying the public has a right to access the records.

"The issue of what to do with the detainees at Guantanamo Bay remains a source of great public interest and debate," Hogan wrote.

"Providing the public with access to the charges levied against these detainees, as detailed in the factual returns, ensures greater oversight of the detentions and these proceedings," he said. "As long as public access does not come at the expense of the litigation interests of petitioners or national security, the court believes the public has a common law right to access the returns."

The judge ordered the Justice Department to publicly file its unclassified records or request what specific information it wants to keep protected, marking the exact words with a colored highlighter, by July 29.

Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said the ruling is under review and that the documents were never meant to be sealed indefinitely. He said the government has limited resources for classification and was using them to create declassified versions of the documents that detainees' attorneys could share with their clients and witnesses.

Dave Tomlin, AP's associate general counsel, applauded the ruling as "a very welcome affirmation of what we think was clear from the start."

"A court doesn't have to accept the government's word that keeping court records secret protects important security interests," Tomlin said. "The government must try to prove it, and it's the court's job to decide if they've succeeded." □

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A Brazilian lawyer for the mother's family said he will appeal the decision to return the boy.

"Many times the boy has expressed his desire to stay in Brazil," attorney Sergio Tostes told local Globo TV. "We are doing everything we can to see justice prevail."

A telephone call to David Goldman's home in Tinton Falls connected to an answering machine with a full inbox Monday night.

U.S. Rep. Christopher Smith, a Republican from New Jersey, intervened in Goldman's case in February and traveled to Brazil with him. While Smith was there, Goldman was able to meet with his son for the first time in nearly five years.

The case got high-level attention with international diplomatic overtones this spring when the U.S. House and Senate called on Brazil to permit the boy's return, Secretary of State Hillary



Rodham Clinton made the same request and the presidents of the U.S. and Brazil discussed the matter.

Clinton said Goldman's case is an example of a problem around the world. She said there were nearly 50 U.S. children in similar situations in Brazil who should be returned to the U.S. — and more around the world.

Clinton brought up the subject while speaking Monday at a joint news conference in San Salvador, El Salvador, with newly inaugurated Salvadoran President Mauricio Funes.

"It's taken a long time for this day to come, but we will work with the Goldman family and the Brazilian government with the goal of ensuring this young boy's return," she said.

Apy said Monday night that she had not received a copy of the Brazilian court decision but expected to get one and have it translated from Portuguese into English on Tuesday.

The order calls for the boy's immediate return, Apy said.

"The court has made remarkable conditions to be able to facilitate that happening," she said. □

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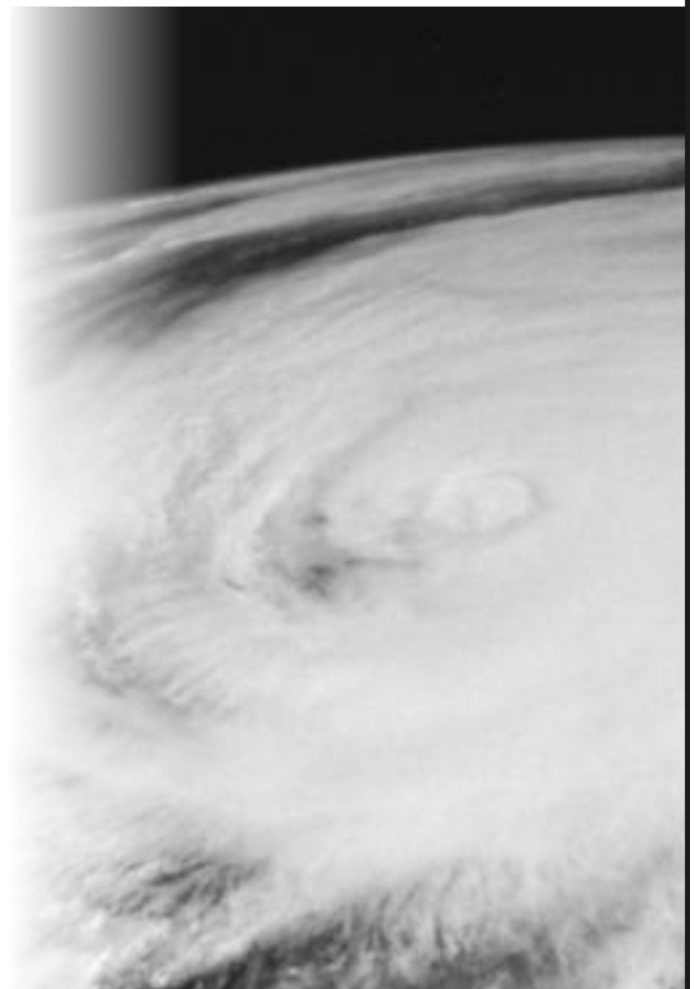
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Obama: Nationalization of General Motors to be short-term



General Motors CEO Fritz Henderson, center, enters U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Monday, June 1, 2009, in New York.

Associated Press

TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a defining moment for American capitalism, President Barack Obama ushered General Motors Corp. into bankruptcy protection Monday and put the government behind the wheel of the company that once symbolized the nation's economic muscle.

The fallen giant, the largest U.S. industrial company ever to enter bankruptcy, is shedding some 21,000 jobs and 2,600 dealers. Sparing few communities, the retrenchment amounts to one-third of its work force and 40 percent of its dealerships.

"We are acting as reluctant shareholders because that

is the only way to help GM succeed," Obama said of the temporary nationalization of the 100-year-old company.

Obama lauded what he called a "viable, achievable plan that will give this iconic American company a chance to rise again" as GM followed Chrysler LLC into bankruptcy court. Of Detroit's three automakers, only Ford Motor Corp. has avoided bankruptcy restructuring and has not taken federal bailout money.

The prepackaged GM bankruptcy deal — crafted by the administration, the company, the United Auto Workers union and a group of bondholders — would give the U.S. government a 60 percent controlling stake in what

was once the world's largest automaker. An additional 12.5 percent would be under Canadian government ownership.

"What I have no interest in doing is running GM," Obama said. His only goal, he said, was to get GM back on its feet and then "to get out quickly." Yet, the U.S. could end up holding the shares for some time.

Neither Obama nor his spokesman offered an indication of how long the government's involvement with GM would last. "I don't know that there is a timeline," said Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary.

"He has a strong obligation to ensure that there is a management structure in place that is making smart business decisions," Gibbs said. "Is the president going to thumb through engineering reports and each page of the annual report? No."

With the U.S. on track to be GM's new owner, the road ahead for the troubled automaker was an uncertain one — with a heavy potential for conflicts and many risks for taxpayers.

"The agreement may buy some time, but does nothing to ensure GM's success," said House Republican Leader John Boehner. "The only thing it makes clear is that the government is firmly in the business of running companies using taxpayer dollars."

Longtime consumer advocate

Ralph Nader, an early critic of General Motors, said on CNBC television that the new arrangement may give GM a clean slate, but it also could become "a political boomerang for President Obama."

Obama said he recognizes that even the temporary nationalization of GM "may give some Americans pause." But he called it preferable to letting the company fail outright — or giving it more and more bailout loans, money it has gone through rapidly.

The administration will provide GM with an additional \$30 billion in aid to help it restructure in addition to the \$20 billion the auto maker had already borrowed from the Treasury.

GM will also get \$9.5 billion from Canada.

If all goes according to plan, on top of the 60 percent U.S. stake and Canada's 12.5 percent, the UAW would get a 17.5 percent stake and bondholders would end up with the remaining 10 percent. Existing stockholders would be wiped out.

Obama said the nation's severest economic crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s had "crippled private capital markets and forced us to take steps in our financial system — and with our auto companies — that we would not have otherwise even considered."

That has put the government "in the unwelcome position of owning large stakes in private companies." But he said "their

survival and the success of our overall economy" depended on such aggressive action.

It is one of the largest peacetime nationalizations. The government has taken shares in railways, steel mills, coal mines and foreclosed homes — but most of these came at times of war.

The government did take over failed savings and loans in the 1980s and, more recently, mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In the current crisis, it has also taken significant stakes in banks and insurer American International Group.

Most nationalizations have been temporary. But at least one has endured — Amtrak rail passenger service.

Obama pledged that, despite its ownership stake, the government would not try to micromanage what is still one of the world's largest automakers despite its loss of market share to foreign competitors over the past two decades.

"GM will be run by a private board of directors and management team," Obama said.

"They — and not the government — will call the shots and make the decisions about how to turn this company around. The federal government will refrain from exercising its rights as a shareholder in all but the most fundamental corporate decisions."

"We're fine with that," Fritz Henderson, president and chief executive of GM, told reporters in New York after the company filed for bankruptcy protection. Henderson said he hoped a leaner, quicker GM could emerge from bankruptcy protection in 60 to 90 days.

The company's Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection filing came a day after a judge gave smaller rival Chrysler approval to sell most of its assets to Italy's Fiat. That moved Chrysler closer to exiting from court protection, possibly later this week, Obama noted.

"Many experts said that a quick, surgical bankruptcy was impossible: They were wrong," Obama said. □

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ABORTION DOCTOR
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He was in jail Monday on suspicion of murder.

His brother, David Roeder, told The Topeka Capital-Journal the family is "shocked, horrified and filled with sadness at the death of Dr. Tiller" and the possible involvement of their relative.

He called his sibling "kind and loving," but said he suffered from mental illness at times in his life.

"None of us ever saw Scott as a person capable of or willing to take another person's life," David Roeder said.

Tiller had been a lightning rod for abortion opponents for decades. The women's clinic he ran is one of three in the United States where abortions are performed after the 21st week of pregnancy, when the fetus is considered viable, and has been the site of repeated protests for about two decades.

A protester shot Tiller in both arms in 1993, and his clinic was bombed in 1985.

Sedgwick County District Attorney Nola Foulston indicated that charges against Scott Roeder will not be filed Monday. Foulston noted that the state has 48 hours to charge anyone who is in custody and said she planned to take the full two days to decide. She said any charges would be filed in state court.

Also, a law enforcement official said investigators have searched two homes as part of the inquiry into Tiller's killing. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the investigation, said the homes are in Merriam, Kansas, and directly across the border in Kansas City, Missouri.

Roeder's former wife, Lindsey Roeder, said he had lived at a house in Merriam but moved out months ago.

Scott Roeder, 51, was returned to Wichita and was being booked without bail on one count of first-degree murder

and two counts of aggravated assault.

Outside the clinic, flowers were placed along a fence, and the anti-abortion group Kansas Coalition for Life left a sign saying members had prayed for Tiller's change of heart, "not his murder."

In Washington, the U.S. Marshals Service said that as a result of Tiller's shooting, Attorney General Eric Holder had ordered it to "increase security for a number of individuals and facilities." It gave no details.

Tiller himself last had protection from the U.S. marshals in 2001. He and other doctors received such protection at different times in the 1990s.

A man with the same name as the suspect has a criminal record and a background of anti-abortion postings on sympathetic Web sites, including one that referred to the doctor as the "concentration camp Mengele of our day" — a reference to the Nazi doctor who performed ghastly medical experiments on Jews and others at Auschwitz.

The posting said Tiller "needs to be stopped before he and those who protect him bring judgment upon our nation."

In one post written in 2007 on the Web site for the militant anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, a man identifying himself as Scott Roeder asked if anyone had thought of attending Tiller's church to ask the doctor and other worshippers about his work. "Doesn't seem like it would hurt anything but bring more attention to Tiller," the post said.

But police said all early indications showed the shooter acted alone.

Operation Rescue condemned the killing as vigilantism and "a cowardly act," and the group's president, Troy Newman, said Roeder "has never been a member, contributor or volunteer." He may have posted to the organization's open Internet blog, Newman

said, but so have thousands of nonmembers.

Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry, whose protests have often targeted Tiller, called the slain doctor "a mass murderer," adding: "He was an evil man — his hands were covered with blood."

In 1996, a 38-year-old man named Scott Roeder was charged in Topeka with criminal use of explosives for having bomb components in his car trunk and sentenced to 2 years of probation. However, his conviction was overturned on appeal the next year after a higher court said evidence against Roeder was seized by law enforcement officers during an illegal search of his car.

At the time, police said the FBI had identified Roeder as a member of the anti-government Freemen group, an organization that kept the FBI at bay in Jordan, Montana, for almost three months in 1995-96. Authorities would not immediately confirm if their suspect was the same man. Morris Wilson, a commander of the Kansas Unorganized Citizens Militia in the mid-1990s, told The Kansas City Star he knew Roeder fairly well.

"I'd say he's a good ol' boy, except he was just so fanatic about abortion," Wilson said. "He was always talking about how awful abortion was. But there's a lot of people who think abortion is awful."

The slaying quickly brought condemnation from both anti-abortion and abortion-rights groups, as well as President Barack Obama.

"However profound our differences as Americans over difficult issues such as abortion, they cannot be resolved by heinous acts of violence," Obama said in a statement.

Wichita Deputy Police Chief Tom Stolz said Tiller apparently did not have a bodyguard with him in church, although the doctor was routinely accompanied



In this March 23, 2009 file photo Dr. George Tiller, enters the courtroom on the first day of his jury trial in Wichita, Kan. Tiller was shot and killed as he entered his church Sunday morning May 31, 2009 in Wichita.

Associated Press

by one. An attorney for Tiller, Dan Monnat, said the doctor's wife, Jeanne, was in the choir at the time of the shooting.

Monnat said in early May that Tiller had asked federal prosecutors to step up investigations of vandalism and other threats against the clinic out of fear that the incidents were increasing and that Tiller's safety was in jeopardy.

The last U.S. killing of an abortion doctor was in October 1998 when Dr. Barnett Slepian was fatally shot in his home in a suburb of Buffalo, New

York. A militant abortion opponent was convicted of the murder.

One of Tiller's lawyers and friends, Dan Monnat, told CBS's "The Early Show" that Tiller had been supported by his wife and children in his decision to continue providing abortion services.

"If Dr Tiller is not going to service a woman's right to chose, who will do it?" Monnat said.

"Many of those have been terrorized and run off by protesters," he said about other abortion providers. □

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Relatives of passengers of the Air France flight 447 are pictured through a glass door as they react at the Tom Jobim Airport in Rio de Janeiro, Monday, June 1, 2009. Air France flight 447 carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris ran into a towering wall of thunderstorms and disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean. French President Nicolas Sarkozy told families of those aboard Monday that ‘prospects of finding survivors are very small.’

Associated Press

Air France said the message was the last it heard from Flight 447.

While what happened to the plane has not been determined, a Pentagon official said he’d seen no indication of terrorism or foul play. The official spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the subject.

Chief Air France spokesman Francois Brousse said a lightning strike could have damaged the plane. Henry Margusity, a senior meteorologist for AccuWeather.com, noted that the thunderstorms towered up to 50,000 feet in the area, so it was possible that the plane flew directly into the most charged part of the storm.

Other experts doubted a bolt of lightning would be enough to bring the jet down. Some pointed to turbulence as a more dangerous factor.

“Lightning issues have been considered since the beginning of aviation. They were far more prevalent when aircraft operated at low altitudes. They are less common now since it’s easier to avoid thunderstorms,” said Bill Voss, president and CEO of Flight Safety Foundation, Alexandria, Va.

Voss said planes are built to dissipate electricity along the aircraft’s skin, and are tested for resistance to big electromagnetic shocks.

The official Agencia Brasil news agency on Monday quoted Brazilian Air Force spokesman Col. Jorge Amaral as saying that a commercial airplane pilot saw what

appeared to be fire on the ocean near the route taken by the Air France plane.

“There is information that the pilot of a TAM aircraft saw several orange points on the ocean while flying over the region ... where the Air France plane disappeared,” Amaral said, referring to the Brazilian airline TAM. “After arriving in Brazil, the pilot found out about the disappearance (of the Air France plane) and said that he thought those points on the ocean were fire.”

The plane disappeared in an area of the mid-Atlantic ocean not covered by radar. Brazilian, African, Spanish and French air traffic controllers tried in vain to establish contact. The plane was gone.

Within two hours, two Brazilian Air Force planes began a search mission that grew Monday to seven aircraft and three navy ships. But with nothing more to go on than the last point where Flight 447 made contact — about 745 miles (1,200 kilometers) northeast of the coastal city of Natal — they faced an immense area of open ocean, with depths as much as 15,000 feet.

A French search plane took off from a military base in Senegal on Monday, to be joined by two more from France, and the Navy was asked to send a craft to help as well, armed forces spokesman Cmdr. Christophe Prazuck said.

Asking for U.S. satellite help, Sarkozy said finding the plane “will be very difficult.”

“(I met with) a mother who lost her son, a fiancée who lost her future husband. I told them the truth,” he said at a grim news conference in Paris.

The 216 passengers included 126 men, 82 women, 7 children and a baby, Air France said. There were 61 French and 58 Brazilians; 30 other countries were represented, including two Americans.

In Brazil, sobbing relatives were flown to Rio de Janeiro, where Air France was assisting the families.

At the Charles de Gaulle

airport north of Paris, family members declined to speak to reporters and were brought to a cordoned-off crisis center. Some people just missed disaster. Bernardo Ciriaco said there were two Air France flights leaving Rio for Paris Sunday night — and his brother was on one of them. It was not until hours later that his brother, Gustavo, called from Paris to say that he had been bumped to the missing flight, but then talked his way onto the other one.

“Thank God he complained until he got back on the original flight. Our family is so relieved,” Ciriaco said.

Air France said it expressed “its sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the passengers and crew members” aboard Flight 447. Air France-KLM CEO Pierre-Henri Gourgeon said the pilot had 11,000 hours of flying experience, including 1,700 hours flying this aircraft.

Experts said the absence of a mayday call meant something happened very quickly.

“The conclusion to be drawn is that something catastrophic happened on board that has caused this airplane to ditch in a controlled or an uncontrolled fashion,” Jane’s Aviation analyst Chris Yates told The Associated Press. “Potentially it went down very quickly and so quickly that the pilot on board didn’t have a chance to make that emergency call.”

If all 228 people were killed, it would be the deadliest commercial airline disaster since Nov. 12, 2001, when an American Airlines jetliner crashed in the New York City borough of Queens during a flight to the Dominican Republic, killing 265 people. Airbus spokeswoman Maggie Bergsma said it was the first fatal accident of a A330-200 since a test flight in 1994 went wrong, killing seven people in Toulouse.

The Airbus A330-200 is a twin-engine, long-haul, medium-capacity passenger jet that can hold up to 253 passengers. There are 341 in use worldwide, flying up to 7,760 miles (12,500 kilometers) a trip. □



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North Korea readies long-range missile test

By ERIC TALMADGE
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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea appears to be preparing to test an advanced missile designed to reach the United States, a U.S. official said Monday, ratcheting up tensions after its second nuclear blast. Media reports say the North Korean leader's youngest son has been picked to be the next leader.

The reclusive communist country also reportedly bolstered its defenses and conducted amphibious assault exercises along its western shore, near disputed waters where deadly naval clashes with the South have occurred in the past decade.

Satellite images and other intelligence indicated the North had transported its most advanced long-range missile to the new Dongchang-ni facility near China and could be ready to be fired in the next week or so, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

A U.S. official confirmed the Yonhap report and said the missile was moved by train, although he did not comment on where it was moved to, and said it could be more than a week before Pyongyang was ready to launch. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue involved intelligence.

On Tuesday, Seoul's Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported that the North could have manufactured up to four long-range missiles through the end of last year. That means the regime could fire more missiles after the one being readied for a launch. The paper cited an unidentified South Korean government official.

Also on Tuesday, South Korean media reported that North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's youngest son, Jong Un, has been picked to be

the reclusive nation's next leader. The decision came after the nuclear test and North Korean diplomats have been instructed to respect the decision, the Hankook Ilbo and Dong-a Ilbo reported.

Little is known about the 26-year-old man. He studied at the International School of Berne in Switzerland until 1998, learning to speak English, German and French, the Swiss weekly news magazine L'Hebdo reported in March, citing classmates and school officials.

The reports about the possible leadership succession come amid growing tensions stoked by the nuclear and missile tests.

The latest activity at the launch site came as the United Nations Security Council mulled punitive action for North Korea's May 25 nuclear test, and ahead of a June 16 summit in Washington between South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and President Barack Obama.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice reported Monday that key powers are making progress on a new U.N. resolution that will almost certainly expand sanctions against North Korea for conducting a second nuclear test in defiance of the Security Council.

Complicating the situation further, a trial was set to begin Thursday in Pyongyang of two American journalists, Laura Ling and Euna Lee, accused of entering the country illegally and engaging in "hostile acts." The missile being prepared for launch was believed to be an intercontinental ballistic missile with a range of up to 4,000 miles, the JoongAng Ilbo newspaper reported, citing an unnamed South Korean official.

That distance would put



South Korean Marines patrol on the beach at South Korea's western Yeonpyong Island, near the disputed sea border with communist North Korea, Tuesday, June 2, 2009. North Korea appears to be preparing to test an advanced missile designed to reach the United States, a U.S. official said Monday, ratcheting up tensions after its second underground nuclear test.

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Alaska and U.S. bases on the Pacific island of Guam — along with all of Japan — within striking range. Even so, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, visiting Manila in the Philippines, said that although North Korea does appear to be working on its long range missiles, it was not yet clear what its plans were for them.

President Lee, hosting a conference of Southeast Asian leaders on the southern island of Jeju, warned in his weekly radio address that the South would "never tolerate" military threats. Lee Sang-hyun, director of the Security Studies Program at the Sejong Institute in Seoul, said the North's moves were calculated to get international attention. "North Korea wants to become a full nuclear state, then negotiate," he said. "As a nuclear state, it will have more to gain from the U.S."

Tensions meanwhile increased off the Korea's western coast.

South Korean coast guard ships were escorting fishing boats near the island of Yeonpyeong, and Yonhap reported that North Korean troops conducted amphibious assault maneuvers along with training on speedboats that could be preparations for skirmishes at sea.

The Koreas ended their three-year war in 1953 with a truce, but North Korea said last week it would no longer abide by the conditions of the armistice. It also disputes the U.N.-drawn western sea border, around which deadly clashes with South Korea occurred in 1999 and 2002.

No incidents have been reported in the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas, and life seemed normal on the North Korean side of the Yalu River, which marks the country's border with China.

A group of women soldiers patrolled the banks with rifles on their backs, while their male counterparts bathed in the river, using

little red plastic buckets to dump waters on themselves. Dock workers unloaded big bundles of goods, while nearby a couple posed for wedding photos, the bride wearing a long traditional Korean hanbok dress. North Korea's media have defended the country's defiant stance, saying it had been provoked by South Korea and the United States. It said the number of spy planes operating in its airspace had risen dramatically.

Experts said North Korea's nuclear capabilities, while improving, still do not pose a direct threat to its neighbors. The larger concern, they say, is that the North will try to sell its technology to others. Lee of the Sejong Institute said the international community's options were few.

"If North Korea is determined to become a full nuclear state, there's nothing the international community can do about it," he said. □

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Officials: Mass abduction by Taliban in Pakistan

ASHRAF KHAN

Associated Press Writers

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Taliban militants ambushed a convoy of vehicles carrying at least 400 students, staff and relatives from a boys' school Monday, taking dozens — possibly hundreds — captive in northwestern Pakistan, officials said.

Police were negotiating for the captives' release following the brazen abduction — part of a string of militant actions in Pakistan's tribal belt that the army believes is partly aimed at distracting the military from its offensive against the Taliban in the Swat Valley. The militants were said to be armed with rockets, grenades and automatic weapons.

Details were still emerging early Tuesday about what exactly happened in North Waziristan. Originally as many as 500 people were believed to have been abducted, but about

200 students were later found to be safe.

Police official Meer Sardar said the abduction occurred about 20 miles from Razmak Cadet College. The victims were leaving the school area after they were warned to get out in a phone call from a man they believed to be a political official, Sardar said, citing accounts from a group of 17 who managed to escape.

Local media, however, reported that the group was leaving because their school vacation had started.

About 30 buses, cars and other vehicles were carrying the students, staff and others when they were stopped along the road by a large group of gunmen in their own vehicles, according to a school employee who was among those who escaped. He said the vehicle he was riding in happened to be behind a truck on the road and thus it was less visible and



A local resident examines a damaged shop after a bomb explosion in Kohat town, Pakistan on Monday, June 1, 2009. A blast at a busy bus terminal in Kohat town, an area near the tribal regions, killed at least two people and wounded at least 18 others, said local police officer Zafarullah Khan.

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able to slip away unnoticed. The employee requested anonymity out of fear of Taliban reprisal and said the school's principal was among those abducted. The staffer said the assailants carried rockets, Kalashnikovs, hand grenades and other weapons. He estimated about 400 captives were initially involved.

Police were negotiating with the Taliban via tribal elders for the hostages' release, said Mirza Mohammad Jihadi, an adviser to the prime minister. He said about 500 people were taken and that they were being held in the Bakka Khel area. Around midnight, Javed Alam, a school vice principal, said about 200 of the students who had apparently evaded capture were tracked down at their homes. The principal was missing and his cell phone was turned off, Alam said.

Students made up the majority of the group. Cadet colleges in Pakistan are usually run by retired military officers and educate teenagers. They also typically provide room and board.

North and South Waziristan are major al-Qaida and Taliban strongholds bordering Afghanistan. They lie roughly 150 miles from the Swat Valley.

Clashes in the past three days in South Waziristan have killed at least 25 militants and nine soldiers. In the latest attack, reported by the army Monday, militants fired rockets at troops, killing two.

The fresh fighting is fueling speculation that a month after re-igniting its battle against Taliban militants in Swat, the military will widen the offensive to South Waziristan. But army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said that for now, troops on the ground were simply reacting to attacks, not

opening a new front. "This is all to divert attention," from the Swat fighting, Abbas said.

With its hands full in Swat, opening a front in South Waziristan now would be risky for the military.

Known for its harsh terrain, reticent tribes and porous border with Afghanistan, as well as its history of limited federal government oversight, South Waziristan would likely be a tougher test for Pakistan's armed forces than Swat. The region also is the main base for Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud.

However, the U.S. and other Western nations who have praised Pakistan's tough tactics in Swat would likely want to see South Waziristan cleared of militants. It's the tribal regions, after all, where al-Qaida and the Taliban have their key bases from which they plan attacks on Western forces in Afghanistan.

The tribal areas also are the suspected hideouts of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Asked about a timeframe for clearing the area, Abbas simply replied, "A plan to go or not to go into South Waziristan — shouldn't that be a highly classified matter?"

The army spokesman said major towns and cities in the Swat Valley will likely be cleared of Taliban fighters in a matter of days. The military has

Four U.S. troops killed in IED strikes in Afghanistan

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KABUL (AP) — Two roadside bombs that struck back-to-back and only miles apart hit two U.S. military vehicles in Afghanistan Monday, killing four American troops, U.S. and Afghan officials said.

U.S. military officials have predicted a 50 percent spike in IED attacks in Afghanistan this year as militants step up attacks and thousands of more troops pour into the country.

The deaths bring to 64 the number of U.S. forces killed in Afghanistan this year, according to an Associated Press count based on military figures. That far surpasses the 36 troops killed through the first five months of 2008, the deadliest year for American forces since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban.

Col. Greg Julian, the top U.S. spokesman in Afghanistan, said the two attacks occurred "not too far away from each other." He declined to give further details, including where the strikes took place, because family members hadn't yet been notified. He confirmed the deaths of four Americans.

"We certainly do expect an increase and there has been an increase in insurgents' use of IEDs (improvised explosive devices), which is their primary means of conducting attacks because they can't launch an effective direct attack," Julian said. "And we anticipate a continued increase in the use of this tactic." Though the U.S. military declined to say where the strikes occurred, an Afghan official said the two attacks happened in Wardak, one province west of Kabul that saw an influx of 10th Mountain Division troops earlier this year.

Mohammad Hanif Hanifi, the top government official in Nirkh district, said a U.S. vehicle hit an IED around 6 p.m. in a village that troops routinely patrol through at that time. He said a second vehicle hit a mine only 15 or 20 minutes later and that a helicopter flew in to evacuate casualties.

Violence in Afghanistan has risen steadily in the last three years as Taliban and other militants have stepped up attacks against international and Afghan troops. President Barack Obama is sending 21,000 additional troops to the country in hopes of improving the deteriorating security situation. □

El Salvador's first leftist president takes power

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — A journalist from a party of former Marxist guerrillas became El Salvador's first leftist president Monday, immediately restoring ties with Cuba while promising to remain friendly with the United States.

Mauricio Funes brought to power the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front that fought for 12 years to overthrow U.S.-backed governments until laying down their arms in 1992.

But he sought to ease fears of radicalism by comparing himself to U.S. President Barack Obama as well as Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, a leftist who has maintained warm ties with leaders across the political spectrum.

"We turned to the strong examples of Obama and Lula as proof that progressive leaders — instead of being a threat — can be a new, safe alternative for their people," Funes said in his inaugural address.

Members of his party applauded wildly and shouted the traditional chant of the left in Latin America: "The people united will never be defeated!"

Plucked from outside the party ranks, the bespectacled television journalist won the March 15 elections by helping the movement shed a radical image that alienated many Salvadorans scarred by civil war.

During a bitter electoral campaign, critics branded Funes a communist and compared him to Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega, leaders who delight in denouncing the United States.

Funes avoided meeting Chavez during the campaign, though he said he would maintain respectful relations with him. Both Chavez and

Ortega canceled plans to attend the inauguration at the last minute and did not state why.

Obama sent Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to represent the United States at the inauguration, which she called a testament to the strength of democracy in the Americas.

Funes singled her out in his inaugural speech as a "woman who honors America and radiates the brilliance of the feminine gender throughout the world."

After the inauguration, Clinton said the United States wants to improve relations in Latin America. Funes, 49, replaced President Tony Saca, whose staunchly conservative government was one of the most steadfast U.S. allies in the region — the last to pull its troops from Iraq earlier this year.

But El Salvador will no longer routinely endorse U.S. policies unpopular in the region.

Funes' first act as president was to restore diplomatic relations with Cuba, leaving the United States as the last country in the Western Hemisphere with no formal relations with the communist-governed island. The foreign ministers of both countries signed the agreement at the Salvadoran presidential residence.

On Tuesday, the 34 countries in the Organization of American States meet in Honduras to consider ending Cuba's 50-year-old suspension from the group. Obama has signaled willingness to ease U.S. hostility toward Cuba, but his administration says it will not support efforts to get Cuba back into the OAS until it makes political changes.

Funes consolidates a leftward shift across Latin America, especially in



El Salvador's President Mauricio Funes, left, and his wife Vanda Pignato, wave after his swearing in ceremony as new president in San Salvador, Monday June 1, 2009. Funes is a member of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, FMLN, party.

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Central America, where Sandinista leader Ortega returned to Nicaragua's presidency in 2006, two decades after his Sandinista government fought U.S.-backed Contra rebels. Left-of-center presidents also govern Guatemala and Honduras.

Funes rose to prominence as a TV host outspoken about corruption and he has no governing experience. He inherits an economic recession, widespread gang violence, and a population bitterly polarized over his party's rise to power.

Funes has promised fiscal austerity while raising funds for education and health care by cracking down on tax evasion.

He will have to compromise both with more radical members of his party and with the outgoing Arena party, which will have enough seats in the single-house Congress to block key measures such as the budget and foreign debt approvals.

Funes said he will not "have the luxury of making mistakes" like his predecessors by "governing for few, being complacent

about corruption, accomplices of organized crime."

Before his inauguration, Funes visited the grave of Archbishop Oscar Romero, whose 1980 assassination was one of the more

shocking events in a civil war between a U.S.-backed government and leftist guerrilla fighters backed by Cuba and the Soviet Union. More than 75,000 people were killed before fighting ended in 1992. □

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Stanley Cup

Resilient Red Wings win 3-1, up 2-0 on Pens

DETROIT (AP) — Valtteri Filppula and Jonathan Ericsson scored in the second period as the resilient Detroit Red Wings opened a two-game lead over Pittsburgh in the Stanley Cup finals for the second year in a row, winning 3-1 in Game 2 on Sunday. Playoffs scoring leader Evgeni Malkin gave Pittsburgh its first lead of the series by scoring on a power play late in the first, but the frustrated Penguins produced no more offense as star Sidney Crosby was shut out again. Crosby has no points in the series. Just as they did last year in winning the title for the 11th time and fourth in 11 seasons, the Red Wings took the first two games from the Penguins at home. This year posed a new challenge, sweeping a pair on consecutive nights



Detroit Red Wings center Darren Helm, left, joins the celebration after defenseman Jonathan Ericsson, right front, of Sweden, scored a goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins in the second period of Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals in Detroit, Sunday, May 31, 2009. At right rear is Brett Lebda (22).

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three days after finishing the Western Conference finals. "It's hurt us. Don't kid yourself," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. "I thought we were exhausted out there. It's amazing what will does for you. "We found a way to win two games, but we haven't been as good as we're capable of being." Rookie defenseman Ericsson who watched the Western Conference finale Wednesday night in the dressing room hours after having his appendix removed, tied it with a long slap shot from inside the blue line at 4:21 of the second period. "Just a couple years ago, it took people a month to recover," the 25-year-old Ericsson said. "It took me three days."

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Cleveland Indians' Jhonny Peralta, right, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a game-winning, one-run single off New York Yankees' David Robertson in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, May 31, 2009, in Cleveland. Indians' Trevor Crowe scored. The Indians won 5-4.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Jhonny Peralta drove in three runs, including the winning single with one out in the ninth inning to help the Cleveland Indians defeat the New York Yankees 5-4 in the American League on Sunday. Peralta lined a 3-1 pitch from David Robertson past diving

third baseman Alex Rodriguez on the backhand side to score Trevor Crowe from second base. Mark Teixeira extended his season-high hitting streak to 13 games and drove in four runs for New York. He hit a two-run homer, his 16th, in the sixth off former Yankees right-

AL Roundup

Peralta has 3 RBIs, Tribe rallies past Yankees 5-4

handler Carl Pavano. His two-run double off Matt Herges in the eighth tied it at 4.

Kerry Wood (2-2) pitched one scoreless inning for the win. He got Jorge Posada to bounce into an inning-ending double play to end the top of the ninth.

At Toronto, Kevin Youkilis homered twice, Dustin Pedroia hit a three-run shot and Jon Lester struck out a career-high 12 batters as Boston beat Toronto.

Jason Bay also homered for the Red Sox, who used a new-look lineup to shake themselves out of a recent offensive slump. Nine of Boston's 11 hits were for extra-bases.

Batting leadoff for the first time this season, Pedroia

homered off the left-field foul screen in the fourth inning, his second.

At Baltimore, Edwin Jackson allowed two hits over eight innings and Curtis Granderson homered as Detroit beat Baltimore to earn a split of the four-game series.

Jackson (5-3) permitted only three baserunners and faced only two batters over the minimum. Nick Markakis hit a fourth-inning single; Robert Andino walked in the sixth and was caught stealing; and Ty Wigginton doubled in the eighth.

Jackson, who struck out seven, came within an inning of his second career complete game. He was pulled by manager Jim Leyland after throwing 101

pitches.

Fernando Rodney allowed a two-out walk but got three outs to complete the two-hitter and earn his 10th save in 10 tries. It was Detroit's major-league high seventh shutout of the season.

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Brendan Harris homered, and Justin Morneau and Carlos Gomez also drove in runs to help Minnesota avoid a weekend sweep with a victory over Tampa Bay.

In other AL games it was, Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4; Boston 8, Toronto 2; Detroit 3, Baltimore 0; Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 2; Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 4; Oakland 5, Texas 4; and L.A. Angels 9, Seattle 8.



Eddie Jordan smiles during a news conference in Philadelphia, Monday, June 1, 2009. The Philadelphia 76ers basketball team introduced Jordan on Monday as their new coach.

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76ers introduce Eddie Jordan as coach

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— The Philadelphia 76ers introduced Eddie Jordan on Monday as their new coach — the team's third since the start of last season.

Jordan signed a three-year contract with the 76ers, taking his third NBA coaching job.

"This team has a good core group, has future stars in the waiting," Jordan said. "Now it's time to go uptown."

Philadelphia went 41-41 this season and was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Eastern Conference champion Orlando.

Jordan was fired by Washington in November and is 230-288 in coaching stints with the Wizards and Sacramento Kings.

Led by a nucleus of Andre Iguodala, Elton Brand and Thaddeus Young, the Sixers have made the playoffs two straight seasons and were knocked out in the first round each time. Star point guard Andre Miller is an unrestricted free agent. Jordan emerged as the winner among a group of candidates that included Boston Celtics assistant Tom Thibodeau, Dallas Mavericks assistant Dwane Casey and Sixers scout Chris Ford.

The Sixers also interviewed Lakers assistant Kurt Rambis and spoke with Villanova coach Jay Wright. □

NL Roundup

Moyer wins 250th career game for Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— Jamie Moyer pitched six strong innings to win his 250th career game as the Philadelphia Phillies claimed their third straight victory, 4-2 over the bumbling Washington Nationals in the National League on Sunday.

The 46-year-old Moyer is the 44th player to win 250 games, and only the 11th left-hander to joint he exclusive list. It was his sixth try at 250 after going winless in his last five outings while allowing 38 hits and 26 earned runs in 24 1-3 innings. But Moyer (4-5) had one his best starts of the season Sunday, striking out four and walking none while registering a season-low hits allowed. It was Moyer's first win since April 26.

At Chicago, Eric Milton pitched into the sixth inning for his second straight win as Los Angeles had a five-run first while beating Chicago to salvage a four-game split.

Matt Kemp hit his sixth homer and finished with two hits. Rafael Furcal, Russell Martin, Mark Loretta and James Loney each added two apiece as the Dodgers banged out 12 in all, and Los Angeles finished a 5-2 trip with an easy win after getting pounded 7-0 and shut out for the first time the previous day.

Milton (2-0) took a shutout into the sixth and left with

one out after the Cubs scored twice. He allowed six hits while earning back-to-back wins after going nearly three years without one.

At Pittsburgh, Mike Hampton continued his mastery over Pittsburgh, allowing only one run in seven innings in Houston's win.

Hampton became only the second pitcher to win eight in a row against the Pirates since 1954. He improved to 12-3 lifetime against Pittsburgh and has won eight straight since May 9, 2000. Only the Braves' Tom Glavine has had a streak that long against the Pirates in the past 55 years.

Miguel Tejada and Humberto Quintero each went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Astros, who took two of three from Pittsburgh after arriving in here on a seven-game losing streak.

At Denver, Adrian Gonzalez hit his major-league leading 20th home run and Chad Gaudin struck out a season-high nine as San Diego beat Colorado.

Brad Hawpe and Yorvit Torrealba had two hits each for Colorado, which lost for the first time under interim manager Jim Tracy, who replaced the fired Clint Hurdle on Friday.

Scott Hairston also homered and Heath Bell recorded his 15th save in 16 chances for



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Jamie Moyer throws against the Washington Nationals in the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, May 31, 2009, in Philadelphia. Moyer gets his 250th career win.

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the Padres, who salvaged the final game of the three-game series.

At Milwaukee, Mike Cameron homered and Yovani Gallardo won his fifth game as Milwaukee swept the three-game series against Cincinnati. It wasn't quite the gem Gallardo (5-2) threw on Monday against St. Louis when the right-hander had a no-hitter going into the sixth and finished allowing two hits in eight shutout innings, but he was good enough against Cincinnati.

He lasted 5 1-3 innings, hit a batter, threw a wild pitch and, except for Brandon Phillips' solo homer, allowed seven harmless hits. He worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the second and struck out nine.

In other NL games it was, N.Y. Mets 3, Florida 2; Houston 2, Pittsburgh 1; Philadelphia 4, Washington 2; Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 2; San Diego 5, Colorado 2; San Francisco 5, St. Louis 3; Atlanta 9, Arizona 3; and L.A. Dodgers 8, Chicago Cubs 2. □



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French Open

Federer rallies for five-set win



Switzerland's Roger Federer reacts after winning a point against Germany's Tommy Haas during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday June 1, 2009.

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PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer mounted one of the biggest comebacks of his career on Monday when he rallied from a two-set deficit to beat Tommy Haas and reach the French Open

quarterfinals.

Less than 24 hours after Rafael Nadal was eliminated, Federer averted another stunner by beating Haas 6-7 (4), 5-7, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.

The French Open is the only Grand Slam event Federer has

yet to win. He has been beaten by Nadal at Roland Garros four years in a row, the past three times in the final. And with the path to the title cleared of his No. 1-ranked nemesis, No. 2 Federer barely avoided a stumble.

"It's maybe a good sign," Federer said. "It was a great battle for me, and I'm thrilled to be through and given another chance here."

The erratic form that has plagued Federer in the past year was again a problem for portions of the first three sets. But with the center-court crowd firmly in his corner, Federer produced a remarkable turnaround — winning nine consecutive games to even the match, before sweeping the final five games.

When he smacked a service winner on match point, the stoic Swiss gave a leap and a scream in celebration, a reflection of what's at stake. For the fourth year in a row, Federer is trying to become only the sixth man to win all four major championships.

"If he wins here, he's probably the greatest ever," Haas said.

Federer's total of 13 Grand Slam titles is one shy of Pete Sampras' record, and he's well aware of the opportunity created by Nadal's departure.

"It caused a bit of a shock in the locker room," Federer said. "All the players are a bit relieved. Everybody suddenly sees that things are much more open."

As was the case because of Nadal's loss Sunday to Robin Soderling, other results became a footnote.

Serena Williams dispensed with any drama, extending her Grand Slam winning streak to 18 matches by beating Aleksandra Wozniak 6-1, 6-2. It was a straightforward, 53-minute victory, in contrast to Williams' previous match, when she accused her opponent of cheating and had a coughing fit during a changeover.

Somehow Federer managed to lose the opening set despite winning every service point — 24 in a row — until the tiebreaker. The first break of the match put him ahead 2-1 in the second set, but he gave it back, then hit several nervous points serving at 5-6 to lose that game.

Haas led 4-3 in the pivotal third set and was a point from serving

for the match, but Federer hit a forehand winner to launch his comeback.

"Once I hit that forehand to save a break point, I felt that it could be the turning point of the match," Federer said. "I was really very relieved."

At 4-all, Haas had a 40-15 lead in the next game but made four consecutive unforced errors, including a double-fault, to drop serve for the second time. From there the match slipped away from the 31-year-old German, who lost to Federer for the eighth time in a row.

"When you're that close to winning, it hurts," Haas said. "I gave it all that I had out there today, and I came up short." Federer's victory was the fifth of his career after trailing by two sets.

The five-set match was his first at Roland Garros since 2001, and he improved to 14-12 in five-set matches.

Also advancing in men's play were No. 5-seeded Juan Martin del Potro and No. 16 Tommy Robredo.

Del Potro faced only one break point as he beat No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4. Del Potro will next play Robredo, who defeated Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

On the women's side, Williams will next play No. 7-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova. The Russian, winner of the 2004 U.S. Open, advanced by beating No. 12 Agnieszka Radwanska 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

"I feel like I have nothing to lose," Williams said. "This is when everything counts, you know. I have to pick up my level and play again a really good, strong match, especially playing somebody like Svetlana who is a great clay-court player and who moves extremely well and doesn't do anything bad." Williams, seeded No. 2, seeks her 11th major title and third in a row. She won last year's U.S. Open and the Australian Open in January.

Former top-ranked Jelena Jankovic was two points from victory but lost to 19-year-old Sorana Cirstea.

Cirstea, ranked 41st, upset Jankovic 3-6, 6-0, 9-7 to become the first Romanian woman to reach the quarterfinals at a major tournament since Irina Spirlea was a U.S. Open semifinalist in 1997. □



Detroit Red Wings' Henrik Zetterberg, left, of Sweden, and Pittsburgh Penguins' Evgeni Malkin, of Russia, fight during the third period in Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals in Detroit on Sunday, May 31, 2009. Detroit won 3-1.

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STANLEY CUP

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Filppula put the Red Wings ahead about 6 minutes later with a backhand off a rebound and Justin Abdelkader scored early in the third, just as he did in Detroit's 3-1 victory in Game 1. Abdelkader had no previous NHL goals.

Game 3 is Tuesday in Pittsburgh, and the odds favor the Red Wings' quest to become the NHL's first repeat champion since they did it in 1997 and '98. Teams that win Games 1 and 2 at home have captured the Cup 31 of 32 times.

Frustration boiled over for Pittsburgh with 18.2 seconds left, when Max Talbot stuck his stick in goalie Chris Osgood's midsection after he made his 31st save. That led to a fight between Evgeni Malkin and Red Wings forward Henrik Zetterberg that left both players' jerseys torn on the ice.

The Penguins, who dropped the opener 3-1 on Saturday, played better in this two-game set compared to a year ago when virtually the whole lineup experienced the finals for the first time.

Malkin had a strong first period and staked Pittsburgh to an early 1-0 lead. It just wasn't enough as Detroit — especially Zetterberg — bottled up captain Sidney Crosby and kept him pointless for the second straight night.

"In each of the first two games we have been able to play in the offensive zone for periods of time," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said. □

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Brasileños y franceses mayoría en avión de Air France desaparecido

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) - La mayoría de los 216 pasajeros a bordo del avión de Air France que se habría estrellado en el océano Atlántico eran franceses, brasileños y alemanes, dijo el lunes la aerolínea.

La lista entregada por Air France, que no incluyó la nacionalidad de los 12 tripulantes, incluyó a 61 franceses, 58 brasileños y 26 alemanes.

Antonio Jorge Assuncao, gerente de Air France en el aeropuerto Tom Jobim de Río de Janeiro, había indicado un número mucho mayor de brasileños, de 80; y de franceses, de 73, así como una menor cantidad de alemanes, de 18.

En la lista oficial también figuran nueve chinos, nueve

italianos, seis suizos, cinco británicos, cinco libaneses y cuatro húngaros, así como tres eslovacos, tres irlandeses, tres noruegos, dos españoles, dos estadounidenses, dos polacos y dos marroquíes.

Asimismo un ciudadano de cada uno de los siguientes países: Argentina, Austria, Bélgica, Canadá, Croacia, Dinamarca, Estonia, Filipina, Gambia, Holanda, Islandia, Rumania, Rusia, Sudáfrica, Suecia y Turquía.

En el vuelo AF 447 se encontraban ejecutivos de empresas y un funcionario de la alcaldía de Río de Janeiro. También viajaba el príncipe Don Pedro Luis de Orleans e Braganca, decendiente de Don Pedro II, el último emperador de Brasil, dijo la familia de Orleans y Braganca.

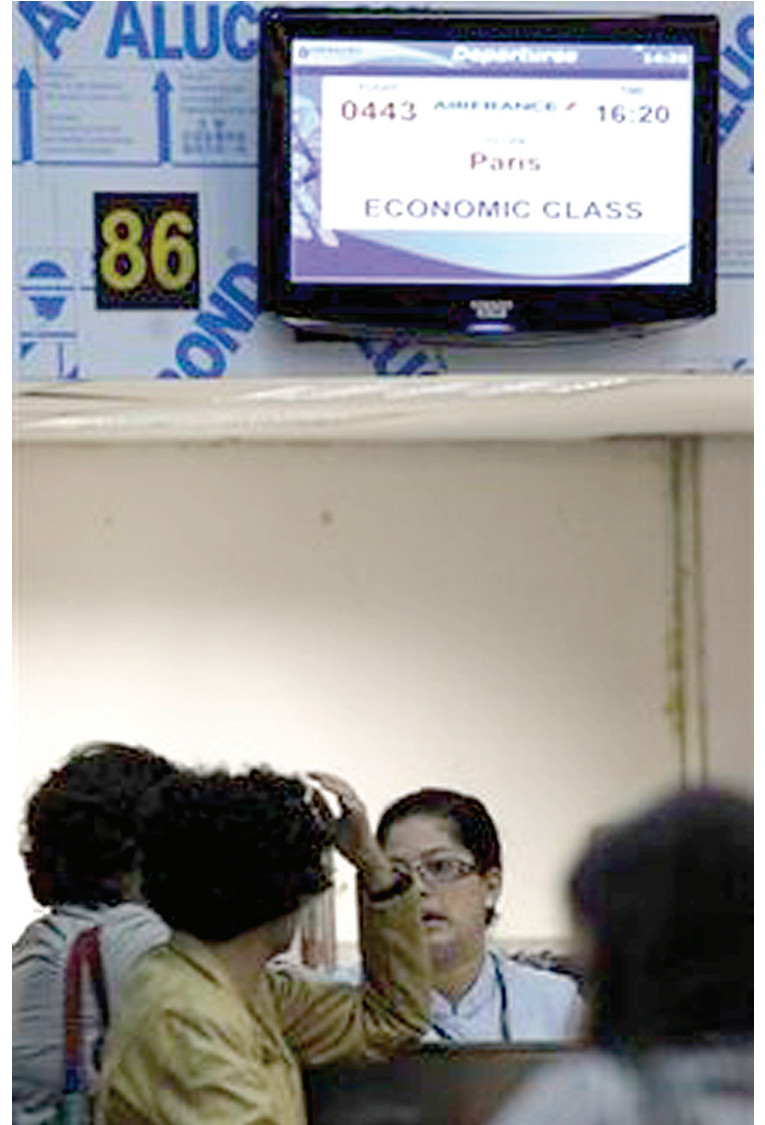
Entre los ejecutivos figuraba Erich Heine, presidente del Consejo de Administración de Companhia Siderúrgica do Atlántico (CSA), la unidad brasileña de la acería alemana ThyssenKrupp en Brasil, según informó la empresa.

Michelin, la fabricante francesa de neumáticos, también informó que el jefe de operaciones de la empresa para América Latina, Luis Roberto Anastacio, estaba en el vuelo.

La alcaldía de Río de Janeiro dijo que también estaban en el vuelo Marcelo Parente Gomes de Oliveira, pariente y jefe de Gabinete del alcalde Eduardo Paes, acompañado de su esposa Marcele.

El vuelo AF 447 había partido el domingo a las 19.00 hora local (22.00 GMT) del aeropuerto Tom Jobim, también conocido como Galeao, y según la Fuerza Aérea Brasileña tuvo su último contacto con las autoridades de Brasil tres horas después.

La aeronave atravesó una zona de tormentas cuatro horas después del despegue, tras lo cual envió un mensaje automático reportando fallas eléctricas, según informó Air France.



Pasajeros esperan en el sector de Air France en el aeropuerto Tom Jobim en Río de Janeiro, 1 jun 2009. Ochenta brasileños y 73 franceses estaban entre los pasajeros a bordo del avión de Air France que se habría estrellado en el océano Atlántico, dijo el lunes el representante de la compañía en Río de Janeiro. REUTERS/Sergio Moraes

Lula le desea fuerza a familiares de víctimas de avión de Air France

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) - El presidente de Brasil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, dijo el lunes que todo indica que el avión de Air France desaparecido con 228 personas a bordo que volaba entre Río de Janeiro y París cayó en el océano Atlántico.

“En estas horas no existe otra cosa, a no ser lamentar profundamente y desear a las familias mucha fuerza”, dijo Lula en San Salvador, donde asistió a la asunción del presidente Mauricio Funes, según la transcripción de declaraciones divulgadas por la Presidencia de Brasil.

Lula dijo que habló telefónicamente con su colega francés, Nicolas Sarkozy, con quien intercambió condolencias.

“Hasta ahora no sabemos de los datos concretos de lo que ocurrió”, comentó el mandatario brasileño.

El presidente recordó que Air France informó

de una falla eléctrica y posibles problemas en la presurización del avión, que partió de Río de Janeiro a las 19.30 hora local (2230 GMT) y mantuvo su último contacto radial unas cuatro horas después, según la Fuerza Aérea Brasileña (FAB).

“Nosotros sólo tenemos que lamentar, o sea, yo, como cristiano, quedo siempre esperando de que no haya ocurrido lo peor”, dijo Lula.

“Pero, de cualquier forma, como no hay ninguna señal de que el avión haya llegado a lugar alguno, se presume que el avión haya caído en alta mar. Vamos a ver”, agregó.

El Airbus 330-200, que cumplía el vuelo AF 447, llevaba 216 pasajeros -la mayoría franceses, brasileños y alemanes-, además de 12 miembros de la tripulación. Lula dijo que mantenía su agenda de visitas en América Central, que lo llevará el martes a Guatemala y el miércoles a Costa Rica.

Perú eleva a 41 los casos de nueva gripe

LIMA (Reuters) - Perú elevó a 41 los casos confirmados de influenza A H1N1 tras reportar 10 nuevos contagios en los últimos cinco días, informó el lunes el Ministerio de Salud. La cartera sanitaria peruana señaló en un comunicado que los nuevos casos evolucionaban favorablemente, entre ellos un niño de tres años. Además figuran ciudadanos peruanos de entre 22 y 40 años, todos contactos de casos confirmados previamente. “Los servicios de salud se mantienen preparados y en estado de alerta. Contamos con los tratamientos adecuados y en cantidad suficiente para enfrentar cualquier emergencia en relación a esta pandemia”, refirió el ministerio.

En Sudamérica, Chile es el país con el mayor número de casos, con 313 contagiados por la nueva cepa de gripe, entre ellos tres personas que se encuentran en estado grave. La nueva cepa del virus se ha expandido a 64 países con al menos 115 muertos y unas 17.500 personas infectadas, colocando al mundo al borde de una pandemia, según la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS). □





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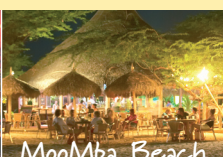
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